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THE STEAMBOAT INTEREST

A NEW GENERAL LAW PROPOSED.

The Supervisor to Visit Pittsburgh.

WASHINGTON, December 28, 1872.

A matter of some interest to steamboat men is just now receiving the consideration of the Supervisors here,—that is the new bill prepared by Supervising Inspector Mr. Joseph Nims, and designed to supersede all other steamboat laws in force in the United States. The bill comprises eleven sections, and, in its preparation, Mr. Nims had the advantage of information obtained from translations of all the steamboat laws of European governments, by which means he has been enabled to engraft many new, and it is thought, desirable features in his bill. The work is not yet completed, and he proposes to visit Pittsburgh some time during the coming week, for the purpose of consulting with the steamboat men of the Iron City, and gaining also some further information on two points—those in relation to boiler plates, and to the shipment of petroleum. K.

MEMPHIS.

Situation of the Steamboats—The Work of Wrecking Going Forward—Railway Matters—New Supply of Coal.

MEMPHIS, December 28.—The Belle of Pike has settled down nearly to her boiler deck. Captain Dugan, of the wrecking boat Eckert, is superintending the removal of cotton from her, which consisted of seven hundred and fifty-six bales, over one-half of which has been saved. All her cabin furniture and state-room doors have been saved. She was valued at thirty thousand dollars; insured in Pittsburgh for twenty thousand dollars.

The E. P. Walt was insured for twenty thousand dollars in Pittsburgh and Wheeling offices, instead of New Albany, as reported last night. The work of wrecking her still progresses. Everything will be saved except the hull.

Taylor Wells, pilot, and Andy Baum, injured yesterday, are doing well.

The Legal Tender and Mary Boyd are laid up at Commerce; the John B. Maude at the mouth of White river.

The steamer A. J. White succeeded in getting out this evening, and crossed over to the bar where the Yaeger lies. The Arlington dropped into the vacancy caused by her departure. The James Howard and City of Augusta have worked nearer to the shore.

MEMPHIS, December 28.—*Midnight.*—The river is still rising steadily, but there is no material change in the aspect of the levee. All the cotton on the Belle of Pike, except about one hundred and fifty bales, has been saved. This is stored in the deck room, and will probably be lost, as she is gradually sinking.

MEMPHIS, December 29.—Rain has been falling since three o'clock. Now (eight) it is raining hard a considerable portion of the time. The foot below Jefferson street has floated off, and the floating ice does not fill more than half of the channel, but a heavy field lying between the mouth of Wolf river and Jefferson street has set in motion. This has been regarded as the chief instrument of destruction should it all break loose from the shore at once; but as the channel is rapidly clearing, the danger is less.

The James Howard left for Cairo at four, believing the floating ice had pretty well run out. With the assistance of the A. J. White, the City of Augusta was loosened from the debris of the wreck and ice, and dropped down to the place vacated by the Howard.

The little steamers Helen E. Brooks and Summer Moon have sunk. The Walt has been wrecked, except her boilers. All the freight on the Belle of Pike has been saved except about one hundred bales of cotton. She is gradually settling, and will prove a total loss, except the cabin furniture. The condition of the Cleburn, Excelsior, Nellie Thomas and the dry docks is unchanged, and is now regarded as beyond critical. The shore ice along where the wreck of the West Wind, the Brown, Arlington, Glasgow and St. Francis are moved, has sloughed off, leaving them almost free, but still in a position to be crushed should the field of ice be hurled against them in a body.

The iron tug Nat Jones, with a coal flat, carried over troops from Little Rock, who have been detained here by the ice.

RAILWAY MATTERS.

Trains on the Little Rock road will commence running again to-morrow. The Memphis and Charleston Railroad has completed arrangements by which towards the close of the week they can deliver ten cars of coal daily from the Tennessee mines. It is now believed, the gas companies will have little or no trouble in supplying the demand. Captain W. J. Ross has been appointed General Superintendent of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad, and C. S. Williamson, Assistant Superintendent.

FIRES.

Adrian, Mich.

DETROIT, December 28.—The Adrian car shops at Adrian, Michigan, with six new coaches, were burned last night. Loss, seventy-five thousand dollars. One hundred and fifty men were thrown out of employment. The fire caught in the paint shop, where a man was cleaning brushes with naphtha. The shops will be rebuilt at once.

ABINGDON, ILL.

CHICAGO, December 28.—An incendiary fire at Abingdon, Knox Co., Ill., last night burned the dry goods store of B. Bradbury, the boot and shoe store of Marshall & Shipman, one residence, and two or three small shops. Loss estimated at $15,000.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

NEW YORK, December 28.—The Larnes sash factory in Brooklyn was burned last night, with two tenement houses. Loss ten thousand dollars. There is considerable suffering by the occupants of the tenements in being thus turned into the streets.

ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, December 28.—Daniels & McCain's sale stable, on the corner of Fifth and Carr streets, was burned about two o'clock this morning. Loss about $12,000; partly insured.

THE RIVERS.

Daily report of the stage of water, with changes in the 24 hours, ending 5 P. M., December 29, 1872.

OFFICE OBSERVATION, SIGNAL SERVICE, U. S. A., Pittsburgh, Pa., December 29, 1872.

ABOVE LOW WATER.	FEET.	INCHES.	RISE.	FALL.
St. Paul	4	2	0	0
Cincinnati	18	8	0	0
Memphis	6	10	1	2
Nashville	7	0	0	0
New Orleans	15	1	0	0

*New Orleans river below high water mark.

W. E. SMITH, Observer Sig. Ser. U. S. Army.

CINCINNATI, December 29.—The river continues closed with seventeen feet of water; not reliable, owing to gorge below. Thirty steamboats are laid up in the frozen river, exclusive of ferry and harbor tow-boats, of which there are ten. It is thought that they are so protected as to be secure from harm when the river breaks. The ice has been cut out between the suspension bridge and Newport bridge. The weather is growing warm. The snow is softening.

NEW ORLEANS, December 29.—Arrived—Tom Jasper, and Peytona, and barges, from Cairo, with large cargoes of sugar and molasses; Pink Varble, from Memphis, with oil cake.

VICKSBURG, December 29.—Down—Gov. Allen. Up—Pargoud, 9 A. M.; Emilie Labarge, 11 A. M. River falling. Cold and cloudy.

EVANSVILLE, IND., December 29.—Clear and mild; mercury 18 to 36. River risen 6 inches; slight movement in ice. Departed—Ben Franklin, Dutch Bend, to still find.

CAIRO, ILLS., December 29.—No arrivals. Departed—City of Chester, Memphis, 10 A. M.; Bertha, New Orleans, 11; Wm. Cowan, Memphis, 1 P. M.; Robert Mitchel, Paducah, 2. River stationary. Cloudy; indications of rain.

LOUISVILLE, December 29.—No change in the river. Weather moderating; mercury 18 to 37.

EVANSVILLE, IND., December 29.—The Leclaire No. 2, the Evansville, Henderson and Nashville Railroad transfer packet, was struck by a cake of ice to-night and sunk in five feet of water, her hull being about level full of water. There are prospects of a general break-up to-night.

Louisiana Legislative Troubles.

NEW ORLEANS, December 29.—The Committee have printed their address to the people of the United States relative to the Louisiana troubles, accompanied with an appendix quoting the laws in support of their position. Their memorial will be presented to Congress and an appeal made for the appointment of a committee to proceed to New Orleans and ascertain all the facts in the case.

Fatal Accident.

CINCINNATI, December 29.—Last night while a run-away mule team was passing near Evans' rolling mill, in this city, a wheel of the wagon struck the post of a frame building used for the rolling mill, and knocked the post down, which let the roof timbers fall, killing John Weiger, a laborer in the mill. A portion of the roof supported by the truss fell.

Small-Pox in Nova Scotia.

HALIFAX, December 28.—Small-pox, imported from Boston, is spreading in the country towns. In Yarmouth, all the churches, schools, and other places of public resort are closed.

NEW YORK.

Stokes Cross-Examined on Saturday—Colored Children to be Admitted to the Public Schools of Paterson, N. J.—Report of the Fire Marshal on the Recent Conflagrations—Penurious Owners of the Centre Street Building Charged with Being the Cause of the Loss of Life—Unsafety of Jersey City Public School Buildings.

NEW YORK, December 28, 1872.

LOUISIANIANS SEEKING SYMPATHY.

The sub-committee of Louisiana yesterday waited upon many prominent merchants, with a view of enlisting their sympathies in matters in that state.

TRIAL OF STOKES.

Stokes to-day was cross-examined at great length. In the former trial he was not cross-examined at all. The prisoner's statement contained nothing especial. On two or three occasions the counsel on either side indulged in sharp passages. Stokes again denied that he ever made any threats to shoot Fisk.

John H. Ramsey, of Albany, President of the Susquehanna Railroad, testified concerning Fisk's character.

John L. Doty, Geo. H. Cole, Rufus E. Andrews, David Smith, Daniel P. Ingraham and J. Henry Deborah were also examined.

THE CENTRE STREET HOLOCAUST.

The various parties interested in the ownership of the property in Centre street still refuse to take steps for the exhumation of the bodies of the burned girls from the debris. The Boards of Health and Police say they have no legal authority to remove the debris.

FIRE INSPECTION OF THEATRES.

A late inspection of the theatres of the city took place by the Fire Marshal, who reports but few of them in anything like an unsafe condition, and in the cases of those few orders were given and carried out for the requisite fire precautions.

COLORED CHILDREN IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The Board of Education at Paterson, N. J., passed a resolution that colored children there should be allowed to attend public schools on the same footing as the whites.

NEW CHARTER.

A new charter for the city, prepared by the Republicans, is ready for presentation to the Legislature.

NEW YORK, December 29, 1872.

REPORT OF THE FIRE MARSHAL ON THE LATE FIRES.

Fire Marshal McSpedan says, in regard to the burning of Barnum's museum and menagerie: The fire originated under the floor immediately over the boiler, and from superheated steam, which in its effects is as destructive as burning gas or flame, and when it is allowed to gain strength is sure to be productive of the most terrible results. He adds that the attention of the managers of the circus was twice called to its condition, but no attention was paid to his warning; hence the fire.

The building on the Centre street fire, the Marshal says the fire originated in the printing office of Dun, Barlow & Co., probably from carelessness. It found that before the people employed upon the premises could get from the press room, in which the fire originated, all egress from the building was shut off. The exterior means of escape were most meagre, and the unfortunate loss of life that has occurred was unquestionably due to the negligence and interested parsimony of the proper authorities. The utter neglect and want of proper consideration for public feeling manifested by the proprietors of the building during the time that has elapsed since the fire occurred will fully illustrate to the public at large the difficulties I have to contend with as caterer for the safety of the community. I discovered that immediately adjoining the main staircase of this building was a large elevator, that served during the fire as a flue to convey the flames to the floors above. If this trap had been completed for the purpose, and fitted at the foundation with an enormous bellows, it could not have more effectually performed its terrible work of destruction. In the landing there was but one static-case, and I have no other term to use for it but the "infernal machine." The elevator was close to it, so that when the flames caught one, the other was attacked, and almost as quick as lightning all chance of escape was cut off for people above. The fire escapes, or the complicated machinery meant to be escapes, fitted upon the outside of the building, were simply man traps, entirely inadequate for their intended purposes, and in a most wretched condition.

SEARCHING FOR DEAD BODIES.

As neither the police nor health authorities desire to act on the request of Coroner Herman to cause a search to be made for the bodies of seven persons lost by the burning of the Centre street buildings, that official, who was pecunious assisted by several citizens assumed the responsibility. After a long search, the body of a woman was found in the debris, but as all the flesh had been burned off, it was beyond recognition.

John Stewart, by means of a plaster cast taking found on the finger of the body, identified it as the remains of his sister, Jane Stewart, who was employed in the building. The search will be continued to-morrow.

RAILWAY COLLISION.

The Erie express train which left Long Dock at half past seven on Thursday evening came in collision at eight o'clock with a coal train near Weehawken, about one mile west from the Bergen tunnel. The forward end of the coal train was shifting to switch off the track to allow the express train to pass. Five cars of the freight train were almost entirely demolished, and the front end of the locomotive drawing the express train was thrown on its side and was badly damaged. The express train was delayed two hours. Nobody was hurt.

UNSAFETY OF JERSEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The burning of Public School No. 5 in Jersey City, is ascribed to the fact that the pipe or funnel which served the double purpose of heating and ventilating, was made of wood. It seems that as far back as August only two school buildings in Jersey City were pronounced safe, and the heating apparatus of the school just burned was especially condemned.

KU-KLUX FOR THE PENITENTIARY.

The steamer James Adger arrived on Saturday with ten men for the Albany penitentiary, convicted of Ku-Klux outrages. Among the prisoners is Rev. John Bizzell, a Baptist clergyman of South Carolina. Three others confess to being concerned in assassinations.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Frederick Campbell, who was found in his room on Friday dying from a pistol shot wound, accidentally received, was the son of Jacob Campbell, President of the Pacific Bank, and held a responsible position in the banking house of Vermyle & Co.

LAST WEEK'S FIRES.

Fire Marshal Mespedan reports forty-five fires for the week ending December 28, noon. The estimated loss is $1,157,600; insurance $1,780,200. Eighteen of the fires were caused by carelessness.

REMOVED.

Rev. Dr. Haight has written a letter declining the position to which he has been elected as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts.

TOO MUCH RED TAPE.

Red tape still keeps the bodies of the unfortunate victims of the Centre street fire buried beneath the ruins.

IRONTON.

Terrible Accident at the Belfast Furnace—Two Men Scalded to Death.

IRONTON, December 27.—A terrible accident occurred this morning at the Belfast furnace. Three men, Ellis Moore, James Venters, and Andrew Diles, entered three boilers which had been disconnected from the rest of the battery, for the purpose of cleaning them. They had first opened the mud valve and allowed the steam to escape, after which they entered the boilers without closing it, as they should have done. The engineer, who has been employed but a short time, and did not know of the connection between this valve and the one attached to the battery, came and turned on steam from the latter. It instantly filled the empty boilers through the connection pipe, and the steam remained turned on a short time before they managed to crawl out and where discovered. Venters and Diles were very badly scalded, the skin peeling from their parboiled flesh in large flakes, and their finger-nails coming off. Their cries of agony were said to be heartrending. They were removed as soon as possible to their homes, where they both died within five minutes of each other in the afternoon. Moore heard the steam coming, and had the presence of mind to retreat to the farther end of the boiler, and is unhurt.

OBITUARY.

"Doc" Townley.

NEW YORK, December 28.—"Doc" Townley, business manager of the Grand Opera House and well-known as a journalist, died this morning.

THE REV. EDWARD BANNERMAN RAMSEY.

LONDON, December 28.—The very Rev. Edward Bannerman Ramsey, dead of St. John's Cathedral, Edinburgh, is dead.

Kansas Central Railroad.

PARSONS, Ks., December 28.—Advices from Dennison, Texas, state that the difficulties that existed among the graders along the Kansas Central Railroad have been adjusted. It appears the men had not been paid for several months, and insisted that no track should be laid until they received their pay. Arrangements have been made to pay them, and the work of completing the line will be prosecuted with renewed vigor. The Central will be completed to Dennison in a short time; the Missouri, Kansas and Texas having already reached that point, will soon advance their lines to Commango and Galveston.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SEWICKLEY.

Christmas in the M. E. Church and Other Places—Sleighing, Dancing, &c.

(Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

SEWICKLEY, December 26, 1872.

Yesterday (Christmas) being a legal holiday, the old as well as the young paid particular attention to the duty as well as pleasure, of making a merry day, and having a jolly time with their friends and companions. A very handsome evergreen was on exhibition in the M. E. Church parlor. Nearly two hundred (200) children received large boxes of sweetmeats, after an address by the pastor, Rev. J. R. Mills. On behalf of the teachers, Professor M. B. Goff presented two handsome volumes of the poets (Burns and Milton) to B. C. Christy, Esq., Superintendent of the School. He (the Supt.) was so completely overcome (lawyers are noted for their modesty) that he was hardly able to return thanks. The pastor then said that he did not want to do all the talking, but thought that the Hon. J. W. F. White looked as if he wanted to speak out in the meeting. The Hon., in a few appropriate remarks, presented to Miss Helen White, on behalf of the Sunday School Scholars, an elegant pearl inlaid rosewood writing desk, which was received by her father, Hon. D. N. White, in a few neat, well-timed remarks.

The colored Sunday school, Presbyterian, Episcopalian and Mission Sunday schools at Osborn, had happy reunions.

The United Presbyterian Sunday School propose having a celebration on New Year's Day, of which I will give you an account if permitted to be present.

Chamberlin & Co. gave two hundred and fifty (250) half pound boxes of confectionaries to that number of happy boys and girls, who looked as if they would have no objections to have Christmas to come every month.

Sleighing is very fine, and likely to last for several weeks.

A dancing school is held in Mozart Hall every Friday afternoon. Mrs. Slack Davis, of your city, is teaching our youth how to walk and talk gracefully. The music is by Professor Eugene Smith, of the Great Western Band.

The gas works are progressing slowly but surely. Mr. Moyes, the contractor, cannot fight the cold weather very successfully.

The workmen at the Robinson House, Hayesville, had to stop for a few days, to enable them to enjoy the holidays, but will go in again next week with fresh vigor and energy. More anon. CHAPULTEPEC.

THE OIL TRADE.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

As an oil producer, permit me through your columns, to gently protest to your editorial remarks of the 27th inst., and assure you that over two-thirds of the producers of the oil regions sympathize in sentiment with that of the N. Y. *Tribune*, upon which you are so severe. As a producer, somewhat familiar with the laws of trade, and with a common sense view of human nature particularly when the subject of income is prominent, I openly assert that all that has been done for the past three months, ostensibly for the benefit of the producer, has been to his injury, and also that no measure has been proposed at the late meetings at all practicable, or which will be acceptable to the producers as a class. The suggestions are ingeniously plausible. The idea of stopping the drilling of wells for six months, by resolution, is simply ridiculous. A man's money and personal interest will govern his actions in almost every case. And then, again, the resolution to stop a certain class of wells, for twelve hours a day, will be spinned by the entire region. Our 30 days' experience, at a loss of over five millions of dollars to the oil region, taught us a lesson which will not be forgotten very soon.

Now, Mr. Editor, we might as well, first as last, come down to facts. If we are producing too much oil, the laws of trade will regulate the price, and all our efforts to deceive ourselves by combinations or otherwise, can not alter the inevitable law of supply and demand. How would it sound for us to ask the farmer to grow only half a crop, because flour was low in New York?—or to ask the petition placed in the hands of the Catholic Church.

ABOLISHING PASSPORTS.

After January persons entering Germany from France will not be required to provide themselves with passports.

SUCCESSOR TO A CROWN.

The *Spenor'sche Zeitung* strongly opposes the decree of the Brunswick Council of Ministers issued the 6th of December, providing that upon the demise of the present sovereign, who is unmarried, Duke William I., the ex-King of Hanover, or his son, shall succeed to the throne.

GREAT BRITAIN.

COAL MINERS' STRIKE IMMINENT.

LONDON, December 28.—It is expected that seventy thousand British coal miners will strike work on the 1st of January.

"LADY GODIVA'S" DISCOVERY.

LONDON, December 29.—The Austrian, French and Prussian newspapers are engaged in a lovely controversy over the disclosures made by the Duke De Grammont in regard to the origin of the late war. The Duke brings documentary evidence to support the truth of his assertion that Austria promised to assist France in case of war with Prussia. He publishes an Austrian dispatch to the French Government, in which a pledge is given in the following words: "Your cause is ours. We will contribute to the success of the French arms." It is reported that the Austrian Government has determined to dispense altogether with the services of Count Von Beust.

MEXICO.

ELECTION EXCITEMENT.

MATAMORAS, December 28.—The election for municipal officers at Tampies is reported to have been very disorderly. During the counting of the votes a disturbance arose and eight were killed and wounded. Great excitement prevailed. Both parties called Limpieanas and Tamalipecas, claim to have won the election.

RUSSIA.

THE ROYAL PATIENT.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 29.—The physicians' bulletin this morning states that the Czarowitch passed a quiet night. The patient's condition is satisfactory.

SPAIN.

THE CAPTAIN GENERALSHIP OF CUBA.

MADRID, December 28.—The *Imparcial* says General Pieltain will probably be appointed Captain General of the island of Cuba.

ITALY.

RESIGNATION OF FRENCH AMBASSADOR.

ROME, December 28.—Bourgving, French ambassador at the Papal court, has resigned.

SECOND EDITION.

Four O'Clock.

THE OLD WORLD.

French Mayors Refusing to Placard Dufaure's Speech—Proposed Change in the French Assembly—Interview Between Thiers and a Sub-Committee—The Pope Berated by the Official Journal of Germany—The Russian Royal Patient Improving—Election Excitement in Mexico—Extensive Coal Miners' Strike Imminent in England—A "Lovely Controversy" by Journals in Regard to the Origin of the Franco-Prussian War—The War in Cuba—Numerous Skirmishes.

FRANCE.

MAYORS REFUSING TO PLACARD DUFAURE'S SPEECH.

PARIS, December 28.—The Mayors of several communes of France refused to placard the speech of Dufaure, Minister of Justice, delivered in the National Assembly during the debate two weeks ago on the petitions for the dissolution of that body. Dufaure, in his remarks, spoke ironically of Gambetta, whose speeches, he said, were the cause of needless agitations throughout the country, and the Assembly, by a resolution, directed the placarding of the speech. The probable action of the Mayors will lead to the interpollation of the Government upon the meeting of the Assembly after the holidays.

GERMAN INDEMNITY.

France will pay to Germany two hundred million francs of the war indemnity on the first of January, and will pay seventy-five millions each succeeding month until May next.

THE SECOND CHAMBER.

The second sub-committee of the Committee of Thirty of the National Assembly yesterday considered the proposition of M. Bartha, Republican deputy, for the formation from the present Assembly of a separate legislative body to be called the Section of Control, and also other modes for forming the upper chamber. After a resultless discussion of three hours' duration, the committee adjourned to meet next Friday.

CESSION OF DELAGOA BAY.

The Paris *Gazette* says Prussia is treating with Portugal for the cession to the former power of Delagoa bay, an inlet of the Indian ocean, in south-eastern Africa.

THE ASSEMBLY NOT TO BE INSULTED.

A Paris tradesman has been sent to prison for two years for displaying in his shop placards containing remarks insulting to the National Assembly.

INTERVIEW WITH THIERS.

One of the sub-committees of the Committee of Thirty of the Assembly called upon Thiers to-day, and a courteous and conciliatory conversation ensued on various proposals for constitutional reform. There were no concessions made on either side. The President urged the creation of a second legislative chamber, but made no distinct proposal.

RESIGNATION OF THE MINISTER TO THE PAPAL COURT.

PARIS, December 29.—M. Bourgoin, French Minister to the Papal Court, resigned because some French naval officers in Rome at the beginning of the holidays called on the King and the Pope on the same day, and tendered the compliments of the season. The Monarchists seek to make political capital out of the affair. The *Union* publishes an address praising the Minister's act as a striking disavowal of the policy which would abandon the Holy Father to spoliation and insult.

ACCIDENT TO THIERS.

PARIS, December 29.—President Thiers visited the English Embassy yesterday. On leaving the building he fell, and suffered a slight contusion of the hip and elbow, but was able to be present at his reception this evening.

WEST INDIES.

THE WAR IN CUBA.

HAVANA, December 28.—The insurgents attacked Manzanillo the night of the 26th inst. The town was in a defenceless condition, the regulars and volunteers being absent. The man-of-war Huiva landed her marines and sailors, who drove out the insurgents, but, however, before the latter had sacked several houses. In the attack twenty Spaniards were killed. The insurgents succeeded in carrying off their dead and wounded.

On the night of the 19th, during the absence of the troops on an expedition, insurgents under the command of Vicente Garcia entered the town of Holquin and captured Fort Perriquera. The Holquin volunteers had been previously ordered to march into this fort to repel any attack by insurgents, but, not being united, not aware that it had fallen into the hands of the enemy, they received a heavy fire from the insurgents.

The Spanish forces sent a few regulars subsequently attacked the insurgents, and messengers were despatched to re-call the troops. Operations were suspended until daylight on the 20th, when the insurgents withdrew, after sacking six establishments and a number of private houses.

A Spanish Lieutenant Colonel, a Major and seventy other officers were killed. Reports as to the total loss of the Spaniards are conflicting, some placing the figure as high as sixty killed. The Spanish account acknowledges twenty killed. The insurgents are moving rapidly in pursuit of Garcia, anxious to avenge the death of their comrades. Full particulars of the affair are wanting.

Seventeen insurgents surrendered at Trinidad on Friday.

It is reported that General Ceballos will return to Spain upon the arrival of Gen. Cordova.

EXPOSURE OF REVENUE FRAUDS.

The Intendente has made public a number of fraudulent entries in the Custom House; also the names of the officers implicated. These exposures cause much excitement among office holders and merchants. It is reported that the Intendente will refuse to Spain shortly. His offer of defiance, notifying Comstock, Plymouth Church, Government & Co., that the old, worn-out, rotten social system will soon be torn down, piece by piece, timber by timber, and a new edifice is given to a new, true and beautiful structure, based upon freedom, equality and justice to all—to women as well as men; the results of which can be nothing else than physical health, intellectual honesty and moral purity. The *Weekly* shall live and be devoted to this purpose; or if it be crushed, the indomitable two will travel over the country from extreme to extreme, speaking in the streets if they are debarred from halls—but speaking, at all events. Step their pens, perhaps; but their tongues, never! The last sentence is true beyond question.

Marine News.

NEW YORK, December 28.—The steamship Thuringia, from Hamburg, has arrived.

The steamship Adriatic sailed to-day with only one and two-third tons of baggage of her propeller, not having replaced those lost in her late perilous trip from Liverpool to this port. Among her passengers is Froude, the lecturer.

BOSTON, December 28.—The number of lives lost by the sinking of the ship Peruvian is twenty-two. The ship had a cargo valued at nearly a million dollars, consisting of costly products from the East Indies. It was insured for four hundred thousand dollars.

LIVERPOOL, December 28.—The steamship Scandinavian has arrived.

LONDON, December 28.—The steamer Amytas was lost while on a voyage from Holyhead to Workington. Every person on board perished.

A severe gale prevailed in the English Channel yesterday. Several marine disasters are reported.

LONDON, December 28.—The steamship Moselle and Calabria have arrived out.

NEW YORK, December 28.—Arrived: the Oceanic, from Liverpool. The steamship Thuringia reports tremendous seas during the last ten days.

The agent of the White Star Line denies the statement that the Adriatic was in distress. She has two blades of her screw propeller entirely unimpaired, and one-half of the third and one-third of the fourth blades remain. She is expected to make the voyage in nearly the usual time.

The steamship St. Laurent delayed sailing until to-morrow afternoon at two o'clock on account of the weather.

HALIFAX, December 28.—The steamers Siberia and Cuba, from Liverpool, put in here to-day. They experienced terrific weather.

NEW YORK, December 29.—Arrived: the steamship City of New York, from Liverpool.

CHARLESTON, S. C., December 29.—The British bark J. T. Duffus, at this port, for Bremen, with 2,249 bales of upland cotton on board, took fire on Saturday night in the cotton forward. It was filled with water by the engines and sunk at the wharf. The damages to the cargo by salt water is large.

An Outlaw Shot.

NEW YORK, December 28.—A letter from Wilmington, North Carolina, on the 27th, states that Andrew Strong, one of the notorious outlaws of Southtown, was shot dead by a young man named Wilson, whom Strong warned to leave the place. The body was delivered by Wilson to the sheriff, who immediately paid him one thousand dollars for it, which is the standing reward by the county for any of the Lowry gang, dead or alive. Wilson is also entitled to $500 dollars reward from the State. The only villain of the gang now living is Steve Lowry.

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad.

TOPEKA, Ks., December 29.—The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad was completed to the west line of Kansas yesterday. This company has built 362 miles of road since March last. In August fifty miles of track were laid, one of the largest month's work ever done by any railroad company in this country. The entire length of the road, including branches, is 470 miles, all graded, ironed and equipped since 1869.

THE CAPITAL.

The Alleged Transportation of German Criminals to the United States Denied—January Gold Sales and Bond Purchases—The Alleged Kansas Bribery Case—Weather Probabilities—Personal Notes.

WASHINGTON, December 28, 1872.

THE SPEAKERSHIP.

Wheeler, of New York, has withdrawn in favor of Blaine for the Speakership.

PERSONALS.

Commissioner Walker's resignation has been accepted, to take effect on February 18, not January 18, the date for which it was tendered.

The President this morning had a long conference with Assistant Secretary Richardson.

W. L. Wilson deposited the electoral vote of Minnesota with the Secretary of State, in the absence of the Vice President.

Senator Sumner is better than he was last week. He takes his usual out-door exercise.

ITALIAN MINISTER RECALLED.

It is reported that Count Corti, Italian Minister, has been recalled. If this is true there will be a vacancy in the British American Claims Commission.

THE DOG NUISANCE.

Justice Carter decides that dogs are a nuisance, and fined an unlicensed dog owner five dollars.

WASHINGTON, December 29, 1872.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

For New England, northerly to southwesterly winds, and partly cloudy weather; for the Middle States, winds backing to southwesterly, and cloudy weather, with light snow over the northern portion, probably turning into rain on Monday; for the South Atlantic States, easterly and southerly winds, and increasing cloudiness; from Kentucky to the Gulf, southeasterly and southerly winds, cloudy weather, and probably rain; from the Ohio Valley to the upper lakes, southerly to easterly winds, cloudy weather and diminishing pressure; from Missouri and Kansas to Minnesota and Dakota, diminishing pressure and increasing easterly and southerly winds, and cloudiness, with probable rain from Iowa southward, but snow hence northward.

CAPTAIN IRVINE SHOT BY AN INDIAN.

A dispatch received at the War Department reports that Captain J. B. Irvine, of the Twenty-second Infantry, was surprised and severely wounded by a shot from an Indian, three miles from Fort Sully, on the 8th inst. The Indian is said to be the same one who stabbed and killed a soldier at the Cheyenne Agency last June. Efforts are making to arrest the Indian, who is still at large.

ALLEGED ELECTION BRIBERY IN KANSAS.

The Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections will, on the 10th of January, resume their investigation of the charge against Senator Caldwell, that he was elected by the bribery of certain members of the Kansas Legislature. The testimony taken by the committee of the Legislature is already before them. They will, at the time above stated, begin the examination of witnesses, the Sergeant-at-Arms having summoned about twenty persons for that purpose.

A FALSE RUMOR CORRECTED.

An alleged case of pardon by the Grand Duke of Hesse on condition that the criminal should emigrate to America having been brought to the attention of the Hessian authorities by our diplomatic representative at Berlin, assurances have been given him that pardons accompanied by a condition of that character will in no case be granted by the Grand Duke.

MEXICAN DEPREDATIONS INVESTIGATION.

The Commission to inquire into depredations by Mexicans on the Texan frontier expect to leave Washington on the 7th of January, to resume their labors. Meade, one of the Commissioners, has resigned.

JANUARY GOLD SALES AND BOND PURCHASES.

The Secretary of the Treasury has authorized the Assistant Treasurer at New York to buy one million bonds and sell one million coin each week during the month of January.

THE KANSAS BRIBERY CASE.

Associate Judge Strickland, of the United States Court of Utah, will soon resign.

CINCINNATI.

Special Municipal Election.

CINCINNATI, December 28.—At a special election to-day Robert Buchanan, Independent, was elected by one hundred majority for Director of the City Infirmary over Barney Corbett, Democratic, with eleven thousand votes cast. The vote to authorize the city to issue one million and a quarter bonds to the Cincinnati and Chesapeake railroad was carried to-day by nearly 7,000 majority, being 1,000 above the necessary two-thirds under the Bissel law.

ST. LOUIS.

River Commerce.

ST. LOUIS, December 29.—The amount of freight received at this port by steamers and barges this year is 836,919 tons; amount shipped from here by river 805,282 tons—20,000 tons less than were received and 30,000 more than were shipped in 1871. More barges were employed, but fewer steamers, than in 1871.

Brutal Murder in Kentucky.

LOUISVILLE, December 28.—Levi King was arrested to-day charged with the murder of Richard Baker on Thursday. The two lived in the village of Arnold, a town in the lower end of the county, about thirteen miles from this city. On Thursday Baker and King went to a store in that vicinity, where Baker sold a seven-dollar bill and bought a dress and trinkets for his daughter. The men left before together. Baker failing to come home, search was instituted, and yesterday his body was found in a ditch about a mile from the store. The body was covered with rails, and the snow of the night previous had almost entirely hidden it from view. An examination revealed the fact that a murder had been committed. A stab penetrating the heart was evidently the cause of death. The head and face were beaten and bruised entirely past recognition. The brother of the dead man, however, identified the body by his clothing. The dress purchased by Baker was found in King's house after the latter's arrest; also one or two of the trinkets; also a knife was found on King's person, one blade of which corresponds with the wound in Baker's breast. King denies all knowledge of the murder. He says Baker got drunk, and he left him asleep under a haystack. King was held for further examination.

Disasters on Western Rivers.

ST. LOUIS, December 28.—The *Democrat* will to-morrow publish a list of disasters and losses on the Western rivers during the present year. The losses amount to $3,225,200, of which the Mississippi gives $1,175,850, the Ohio $1,052,700, the Arkansas $16,300, and the Red $10,400. The lives lost by explosions number 88, and 368 are estimated to have been lost by falling overboard.

Prepared for the New Year.

The opinion has been occasionally expressed that trade would be quite dull during the holidays. Such opinions are generally heard at every recurrence of this joyous season, but whatever may be the state of the money market at other seasons of the year, few indeed are not able to set aside some trifling amount as expenses for holidays. Many spend hundreds of dollars for holiday goods, and were the total amount laid out in this city alone for goods of this class published, we believe it would surprise the reader. It is not necessary that the gift be costly to make it valuable for the giver as a little trinket, sometimes convey the feeling of the giver and gives the most genuine satisfaction to the recipient. There is one firm in our city, however, that of Messrs. Hazlett & Kennedy, No. 79 Smithfield street, where any taste may be gratified in the best of jewelry, watches, clocks and fancy articles. From this assortment, small articles, valuable as pretty mementoes of affection, or rich and costly gifts may be selected. Purchasers of New Years' gifts should remember this.

Family Bibles.

A slight that will be a rare feast to the vision may be seen at J. E. Weldin & Co.'s, where there is that marvellous assortment of the most superb Family Bibles in the city. It is not too late yet to get a nice volume for a New Year's gift.

Hazlett & Kennedy,

No. 79 Smithfield street, not only deal in the best watches, clocks, silverware, &c., but do attends to broken mainsprings and fixes up a chronometer that has been out all night and had bad luck. You know how it is yourself. They have also bracelets, rings, (just the thing for brides), and a select and varied assortment of fine jewelry.

Fine Portfolios,

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Bronze.

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Good News.

If you want to bring good news to the household on New Year's Day, take home some of those fine holiday books and presents to be had at

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CALIFORNIA.

Strike of Miners—Rain Storms—A Determined Suicide.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., December 28.—One hundred miners of the Raymond Ely mine struck yesterday against the ten hours shifts. They had been working eight hours. Both parties are determined to maintain their position.

RAIN STORMS.

There was a heavy rain storm throughout the western coast. The San Joaquin threatened to overflow. Several bridges on the Yuba river were swept away. Five immense land slides occurred in Oregon on the line of the Northern Pacific railroad. Two hundred men have been employed two weeks to put the track in order again. Much damage has been done on the Columbia, by the breaking of booms and floating logs. Navigation is impeded by floating ice north of Vancouver.

A DETERMINED SUICIDE.

Charles Kroger, of this city, committed suicide in his store. He had a desperate struggle with his clerk, who tried to prevent him. Kroger's clothes were torn off. Finally, with the left hand, armed with a razor, he cut his head nearly off, and fell dead to the floor. He was a German, unmarried, and in good circumstances. No cause for the suicide is known.

WAR BETWEEN MINERS.

Last Friday the Phoenix Mining Company, of Nevada, took possession of one hundred feet of ground recently worked by the Raymond Ely Company, claimed by both parties. The Phoenix men barricaded the ground, and made other preparations to hold out against the Raymond Ely. Last night, while Thomas Ryan, a Phoenix workman, was overlooking the baracade, one of the Raymond Ely men shot him through the head, killing him instantly. About forty shots were thereupon exchanged by the parties, without serious results. The Phoenix men had the ground. It is feared that more blood will be shed this forenoon. A miner, named J. Sweetzer, while going to work was shot and dangerously wounded by some unknow person.

Death from Violence.

PHILADELPHIA, December 28.—The coroner's jury gave a verdict that John Tweedle died from violence from Police Sergeant Rodgers while the former was a prisoner in a cell at the station house, on the 11th of December. Tweedie was arrested on a charge of drunkenness, but

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GOLD closed in New York on Saturday at 112@112¼.

EX-GOVERNOR BIGLER, who so magnanimously declined a seat in the Constitutional Convention, in order that Ex-Governor Curtin might take his place, is to be provided for by the resignation of John G. Hall, of Elk county (in the Governor's district), who intends resigning, with the understanding that Mr. Bigler will take his seat when the Convention meets at Philadelphia in January. It is probable that there will be one or two vacancies on the Republican side when the Convention reassembles.

THE Stokes trial in New York is rapidly drawing to a close. It is suggestive of how fast one sensation succeeds another in the fast life of the metropolis, that this second trial commands but very little attention. The newspapers accord it but a small share of their space. The evidence for the prosecution has been stengthened as compared with that of the first trial by testimony of threats made by Stokes against Fisk before the act. This should remove all doubt as to the verdict, but we do not believe it will. There is probably a safe man for the prisoner among the twelve.

ILLINOIS proposes to deal with the question of "emotional insanity," in all its various shades, except possibly the homicidal one, on the basis of common sense. A bill is now before its Legislature providing that whenever an indicted person is found not guilty by reason of temporary insanity the Court shall send him or her to a lunatic asylum for a term of years proportionate to the crime. Of course, there should be exceptions to this rule, and in cases of homicidal insanity provision should be made for the safe keeping of the insane one for life, or at least make h's friends responsible for his acts in sufficient bail before setting him at large.

THE list of accidents reported within a few days is enough to sadden the heart of every one who reads the accounts. From almost every direction disasters are announced. We have railway catastrophes in which large numbers of persons are killed, burned or maimed; a church falls, burying many beneath the ruins; a menagerie burns, and with it hundreds of living animals; steamboats are wrecked by ice; cars run into each other, wheels break, rails break,—all sorts of cause conduce to bring about an appalling series of disasters such as the holiday season has seldom seen before, and which by inevitable sympathy will be felt in many homes where the accidents themselves will be utterly unfelt. The record, taken altogether, is one of the most gloomy we have ever had to compile.

NOTWITHSTANDING corn is selling at fifteen cents a bushel, and is even used as fuel, in some parts of Iowa and Minnesota, breadstuffs command so high a price in England, owing to the rates of carriage, that some very extreme measures are agitated to increase the area of the farming land; that is they will seem extreme to the "nobility and gentry." One of those radical measures is that the parks and game preserves be devoted to tillage and feed for men, instead of merely affording sport to the wealthy class. Not an unreasonable idea, with the vital question of bread and butter in issue. The London *Times* makes a strong attack upon the endowment of churches, schools, and hospitals, with land, urging that these trusts should be converted into money, and the land left free to sale and close cultivation. The result of this agitation will probably be a measure of reform at the coming session of Parliament, which will facilitate the purchase and sale of real estate, and perhaps restrict the tying up of land in endowments.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS of every description are certainly in a sad fix in Philadelphia, if we are to believe the majority of the papers there. The recent trial and conviction of one of its reporters for libel, in charging a noted politician with being in the "whisky ring," induces the Philadelphia *Press* to declare that while murder is perpetrated with impunity, the ballot box stuffed with regularity, and all sorts of bribery and corruption in the legislative and executive departments of the city government, brought to light every day and "nobody is ever tried or punished," yet a reporter who attempts to lift the veil, and play the role of reformer, "is easily convicted within four weeks of a misdemeanor." If one were to believe half what he reads in the newspapers, or hears privately in conversation with Philadelphians, Boss Tweed might be imported with profit to rule the city. It seems to us that the better class of all parties are making no effort to improve their local government in the hope the Constitutional Convention will clear the decks for action. In this they may be disappointed, or at least have a long time to wait. When we see the revolution that has been effected in New York, within the short space of a year and a half by the people themselves, it seems clear that the Philadelphians owe most of their troubles to their own indifference.

UNDER a law passed by the Ohio Legislature, last winter, any city, county, town or township in the State, can enter into the business of building railroads to the extent of five per cent. of its assessed real and personal valuation, provided the same is approved by two-thirds of the legal voters of the municipality. This law is simply a "dodge" to get around a section in the constitution of the State absolutely prohibiting municipal subscriptions in aid of public works. As the case now stands a county or city cannot aid in the construction of a railroad, but it may issue bonds to build and operate one. The device, it will be seen, is a very shallow one; but under it the people of many of the counties, cities and townships of the State, are "going it" with a vengeance in the way of voting themselves into debt, and it is pretty safe to say the State will be mortgaged within a year or two fully up to five per cent. of its valuation, unless the Supreme Court intervenes. Ohio is going ahead in the matter of subscriptions very much as Pennsylvania did twenty years ago, of which our people are reminded every time the tax collector comes around. Cleveland has the railroad building fever, and on the 6th of January votes yes or no on a donation of a million seven per cent. bonds to build a road to Akron. Some of its citizens are old fogyish enough to object that it is no part of the business of the municipality to construct railroads, and on their invitation Judge Rauney has given an opinion that the law under which the money is voted "is a dangerous violation of the constitution," and should be stamped with instant reprobation, supported by ample reasoning. The Judge helped frame the constitution, and stands high as a jurist, but still Cleveland will probably insist on its little luxury of a million, and it will be voted by sovereigns who don't expect to pay the taxes. If Cleveland would just take a chapter from the history of Pittsburgh, and study it with care, before it goes into this railroad business, Euclid Avenue and Superior street would save themselves some very harsh feelings on the subject of taxation, one of these days.

RAILWAY DISASTERS.

It has become the fashion, whenever a railway train smashes up, and lives are lost, to denounce the result as wholesale murder, and this without stopping to ascertain whether the misfortune resulted from intention, carelessness or accident. Indiscriminate censure of this kind excites prejudice, but it can serve no beneficial end.

People must and will travel, and locomotion involves liability to injury. Indeed, refusing to stir not unfrequently involves individuals in bodily harm. No means have yet been devised by which a million of people can remove, or be removed, a distance of one thousand or one hundred miles, without exposure of life, or limb, or general health. If they go on foot, many will fall out by the way, or slip, or tumble, or collide, or be frozen, or take colds resulting in death, or at least in sickness. If they make the transit in wagons, drawn by horses, the liability to injury will not be diminished, but rather increased. Wagons are not so made as never to break down, or horses so well trained as never to become unruly or unmanageable. Roads are not always in complete repair; bridges, whether of timber or iron, will sometimes prove defective; and embankments and dug-ways present chasms down which vehicles will slide, sometimes, too, in the full blaze of sunlight; oftener in darkness or in that intermediate state between day and night.

Of all the means of transportation yet devised, railway traveling is no doubt the securest. Take one year with another, and a million of men, women and children are carried by rail a given distance with fewer casualties than by any other method whatever. Of course, from the structure of railways, from the instrument of propulsion, from the speed demanded and attained, from the dimensions and materials of the coaches, from the numbers who occupy them, and from the requirement of heat in cold weather and the way adopted for furnishing it, when a railway catastrophe does occur, it transcends ordinarily what is possible in using a wagon or post-carriage. Whoever expects to divest railway traveling of this peculiar liability, is destined to utter disappointment.

Let a man stand close by a railway track near a sharp curve, or in the vicinity of a bridge, and wait till an express train comes thundering past at a speed of twenty-five or thirty miles an hour, and he will get a most vivid idea of what a smash-up, from the very nature of the case, must or may imply. The ponderous machine, the vast momentum, the fearful swing, the lateral pressure, the yielding ties, the slender spikes, the multitudinous passengers, the heated stoves, and the tinder-like material of which the cars are largely composed—all suggest possibilities of danger. The great marvel is, not that catastrophes occur, but that they happen so unfrequently. The wonder is not in the tragedies, which, at intervals, like that at Prospect Station, on the Buffalo, Corry, and Pittsburgh railroad, startle the public and send mourning into many families, but that similar scenes are not enacted oftener than they are.

It is certainly not in the interest of any railroad company to have a terrible slaughter occur on its line. A loss always results, from the destruction or damage of cars or locomotives, and business is driven from it. The men charged with the management of a train share all the dangers incurred by passengers, and the additional liability to discharge from service and disgrace in their calling, if calamities occur which they could have prevented by prudence and circumspection. Engineers and conductors hold their own lives to be as dear to them as passengers do their's. They are as strongly attached to their wives and children, and have no notion at all of killing themselves or others.

In the olden time, when people made long journeys in winter, in stage coaches, no thought was indulged in of other means for keeping warm than an abundance of clothing, or possibly, a section of heated plank under the feet. For weeks at a time they have made slow progress in this manner. Now, people will not dispense with stoves in railway cars, and yet think it beyond endurance if the burning coals of the stove ignites the cars in case of upsetting. If people insist on having artificial warmth while riding, they ought to understand that it can only be had by increased exposure in case of accident. It has been frequently suggested that stoves be dispensed within the cars and the needed warmth be supplied by steam from the engine. Probably an improvement may be attainable in this direction, though at least, a contingent liability to scalding will remain.

Whatever can be done to lessen the danger of railway conveyance ought to be attempted, but it will be found that increased security and comfort will not come as the result of indiscriminate and heated denunciations, but of careful study and patient experiment. The horrors of the recent catastrophe at Prospect station will doubtless lead to profitable investigations to this end.

AN ATROCIOUS MURDER.

Latest Phase of Crime in the District of Columbia—The Murderer Arrested.

The latest murder in Washington, that of the Polish peddler Rogerski on Monday night, is one of the most atrocious and cold-blooded on record. The murderer, who was arrested next evening, is a notorious colored rough, Tom Wright, who resides in an old house south of Pennsylvania avenue, and about 100 feet from any other building. It seems that Rogerski, who was in the habit of visiting that neighborhood to sell cheap laces and fancy goods, carried with him about $100 in money, and was expected on Monday night. Wright, on Friday last, asked his mistress who lived with him when she expected the peddler again. On being informed, he said that he was going to rob him and get some Christmas money. The woman Margaret says that the peddler came early in the evening, and that she left him with Wright while she went down the street to make a call upon a washer woman. When she came home she found Tom engaged in washing up the floor. On asking him what he had done, he said that he had "killed that d—d Dutch peddler and put him in a closet under the stairs." After dark, she says further, he took the straps from Rogerski's pack, fastened them about the neck and legs of the body and carried it out upon the common, where it was soon after discovered. The police, who had been working up the case since Monday night, visited the Wright's house last evening, and arrested him, his mistress, a boy who lived with them, and a boarder. Tom denied all knowledge of the deed, and would confess nothing, merely saying that he was bad enough, but not bad enough to kill or rob. Margaret was more talkative, and said she was not present at the time of the murder, but confessed that Tom committed the act while she was absent, and that she came home and found what had been done, and that the goods belonging to the peddler were concealed in a shed in the rear of the premises. After a thorough search the peddler's pack, containing all his goods, was found buried about three feet deep in the shed. The hatchet with which the murder was committed was found under the bed. Marks of blood were found on the door and wall and in the closet where the body had first been placed. The floor had been carefully washed, but on removing some of the bricks of the hearth they were found to be stained with blood.

On Tuesday following the discovery of the body the officers went through the house and into the closet described, but as it was a very dark corner the marks of blood were not discovered at the time, and Wright offered to assist the detective in upturning everything in the house, and afterwards asked if he was satisfied. During the search about the common for blood marks Tom was among the rest, with a bold front. Several circumstances in connection with this murder suggest important questions of social science. No less than 14 murders have been committed within the District of Columbia during the current year. Three executions have taken place within the past six weeks, and another is appointed for an early day next month. Why is the latest murderer, has been greatly interested in all the late murder trials, and was a witness to two of the three recent executions.

THERE is just now a wholesale slaughter of buffaloes in western Kansas, hunters killing hundreds of the animals daily, on the frontier. At Dodge City, which the butchers make headquarters, buffalo hides sell at $1.25 to $2.50 each, and hams at from one to two cents per pound. The hams are shipped by rail to St. Louis, the forequarters being thrown away. As evidence of the extent of the slaughter, it is stated that one firm received 20,000 hides in two months, another 6,000 in ten days, and another man has 22,000 buffalo tongues ready for market. Yet the hunters tell of seeing herds miles in length, and countless. What a chance for Professor Liebig or Gail Borden, with their meat-concentrating machinery, exists now on the border.

PERSONAL.

IT is estimated that Father Burke has realized $100,000 for various benevolent institutions by means of his lectures in answer to Froude, and that Froude has realized $5,000.

FRANCIS PRESTON BLAIR, SR., who is the only man living that enjoyed close political and social relations with President Jackson, is represented as being the most hale and hearty man of his age in the whole State of Maryland. He is over eighty.

NED BUNTLINE, Buffalo Bill, and Texas Jack, who have been playing in a sensational drama at the Grand Opera House in St. Louis, were arrested on warrants issued at the instance of Prosecuting Attorney Normille for alleged complicity in the riot which occurred in the southern part of the city in 1852.

MISS NELLIE GRANT is "out." She attends a Washington "German." A correspondent says "she was looking exceedingly well, and wore a lovely dress of pale blue silk, with overdress of Valenciennes lace. Like her mother, Miss Grant has beautiful arms, neck and hands, and she appears to the greatest advantage in evening dress."

THE St. Louis Republican says: "A bale of cotton is exposed at the Southern Hotel, placarded 'Presented to Lydia Thompson by the citizens of Savannah, to be sold in 'Change on the 3d for the benefit of some charitable society.' What in the world did the people of Savannah think Miss Thompson would do with so much cotton?

DAVID G. CROLY, who lately resigned the managing editorship of the World, intends to occupy the same position on the new illustrated daily which J. H. and C. M. Goodsell, publishers of the Spectator and Financier, are to issue early next month. The Messrs. Goodsell have backers, it is said, to the amount of $500,000, and are entirely sanguine of success.

WHEN MRS. Stanton was delivering her lecture on the "Coming Girl," in Green Bay, Wis., she told how her father, when they were going over the highlands of Scotland together, had a pair of boots made for her. After the lecture a bronzed faced, fussy individual said to her—"An' wi' ye shek hann's wi' the man that wha spade the bootles for ye?" and there he was. She did.

A YEAR ago a fashionable tailor in New York made an elegant *robe de chambre* for a lady, who presented it to her affianced husband. It was a gorgeous affair—silk velvet and satin, with a smoking cap and slippers to match. They were married, but after six months of connubial life they separated, and now the garment has come back to the tailor, who will put it up in raffle for $250.

IT IS SAID that the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Richardson, will leave the Treasury Department in March, and that he intends to go to Paris to become a member of the banking firm of Monroe & Co. It is whispered also that Judge Richardson takes this step with the expectation that the President, after his second inauguration, will appoint him financial agent of the Government at Paris, or for Europe generally.

HIS MAJESTY KAMEHAMEHA THE FIFTH, King of the Sandwich Islands, died at Honolulu on the 11th inst. He had been ailing in health for some short time past, but the exact nature of the disease by which he was finally removed from life is not stated. The monarch was childless, and the question of succession to the vacant throne becomes an open one between the Polynesian people and what remains to them of a free constitution.

MRS TROLLOPE, who wrote a very offensive book on America—offensive at least to our people—nearly forty years ago, recently journeyed across the continent from San Francisco, en route for England from Australia. Nobody reads Mrs. Trollope's unjust book nowadays, and doubtless she is herself, in her old age, heartily ashamed of it. But she should not fall, on her return home, to make the amend honorable in the shape of an acknowledgment of the progress and enterprise of the American people which have afforded her a new and more convenient route to reach England from Australia.

CUMBERLAND, Penn., paper gives some account of "William Crutchfield, familiarly known "Bill Crutchfield," who was elected to Congress by the Republicans from the Third District of that State at the late elections. This new member is a "character," and promises, says the paper in question, to be a reproduction of David Crockett. In 1851, it is alleged, he distinguished himself by drawing a revolver on Jefferson Davis while that gentleman was making a political speech at Chattanooga. His most apparent peculiarities, according to this chronicler, are that he is ugly, that he is an brave, personally, as the sword of Bayard, and that he is a person of much good and quick common sense—a most excellent attribute in a Congressman. "He is as plain as an old shoe," says the paper in question, and, "although a man of large means, he dresses as a laboring mechanic or farmer. He is warm and liberal hearted, full of good humor—is the central figure of the social group," and, moreover, is going to Congress, "the means business" for the Republicans.

OAKES AMES' associate in the defence of the Credit Mobilier case is the Hon. John B. Alley, of whom an interesting anecdote is related in a Massachusetts journal. Some years ago he had a protracted contest with another gentleman for the Mayoralty of Linn, several elections being held without a choice. Mr. Alley's rival entertained the voters with a free lunch, and finally John he concluded to head him off, so he had a lot of peanuts baked on each voting day to regale the crowd. But he instructed his caterer to bring them on very hot, "for," said the wise man, "they won't eat so many." Now, it is argued, if Mr. Alley had been instrumental in bribing members of Congress in behalf of the Credit Mobilier he would probably have done it on the scale of his hospitality to the voters of Lynn, and it wouldn't have amounted to much.

STATE NEWS.

THE Chambersburg *Public Opinion* enumerates 27 new buildings erected in that town the present year.

LAST Saturday night and Sunday morning the thermometer fell to 18 degrees below zero, and is still in a very low condition, with only slight hopes for its early recovery. This was the coldest weather experienced in this latitude for twenty years, or since Kossuth's famous visit in 1852, when the mercury indicated 22 degrees below zero.—*Ebensburg Freeman*, Dec. 27.

IT has been stated in certain papers that the Governor had appointed Hon. L. W. Hall to collect the balance of the State war claims against the national government. This is incorrect. The Governor has appointed Mr. Hall, under an act of the Legislature of 1871, requiring him to demand payment of certain claims for damages sustained by citizens of Pennsylvania during the war. The Governor was required to appoint counsel to aid in execution of the law.

MR. JOSEPH LEE JR., of Philadelphia, has proposed a plan for "improving Independence Square, and the three main front buildings thereon, as a monument of memorials to honor the Fathers of our Nation," which has met the approval of eminent men in all sections of the Union. The design includes Independence Hall as it now stands, and associated with it in portions of the same building, Revolution Hall, Constitution Hall, Government Hall and United States Hall, all these rooms to be fitted up in such a manner, and filled with such articles and emblems as will bring to the minds of visitors the principal events of the era designed to be perpetuated by the dedication of this room.

DR. CHARLES NAYLOR, who died in Philadelphia, on Thursday last, was at one time a resident of Pittsburgh, and practiced law here. He was born in Philadelphia in 1806; studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1828, where he soon obtained a fair practice. From 1837 to 1841, he represented the Third District of the State in Congress. On the breaking out of the war with Mexico, he volunteered, and landing with General Scott's column at Vera Cruz, took part in most of the engagements from there to the City of Mexico. Upon the fall of the capital, in 1847, Mr. Naylor was appointed Governor of the National Palace, and custodian of the national archives and property of that republic. On his return from Mexico he practiced law in Pittsburgh, Washington and Philadelphia.

OUR Constitutional Convention will do well to give careful attention to the growing coal monopolies of our State. The Reading Railroad is rapidly monopolizing the coal trade along its whole line, and other roads are striving hard to accomplish the same thing by buying up coal lands. No railroad company should be allowed thus to monopolize any business; if their charters allow it, the charters should be repealed, and future Legislatures prohibited from granting such charters. Railroad men are plenty in the Convention, and Mr. Gowen, the President of the Reading road, is one of them, and he would no doubt bitterly oppose such measures, but we hope there are men enough in the Convention untrammeled by railroad alliances to see that the rights of the people are properly cared for.—*Bedford Inquirer.*

THE Bedford *Inquirer* tells this story, which is not a bad one certainly:—Last week we had the latest census of the Troutman family (giants) in Londonderry township. A few days since a comparatively young man, smooth faced and small, from the same township, called at our first class Bedford lawyer and asked the following simple question: Is there a law in this State allowing a pension to parties having twins. Not that I know of, said the lawyer. Why? Why, said the client, I have had twins seven times in *seven years* and I know they give a pension in Russia for fulfilling the law (bible) and Thought the old Keystone never went back on the commandments. The lawyer told him the Keystone never went back on what was right and thought probably he might find something in the statutes that would be in his favor, and that he should call at another time. The *prolific Miner*, a buxum brunette, is about 39 years of age, and has in addition to the fourteen twins, given 10 *single births* in seventeen years. That she deserves a handsome pension there is no question, and if our County Commissioners are not inclined to "open up" we call upon the Constitutional Convention and our Congressmen to look after her interests. We truly and honestly believe she ought to have a premium or—*a divorce.*

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GENERAL NEWS.

IT is reported that a French surgeon has now inserted successfully into the skulls of his dogs watch crystals, through which he can observe the processes of the canine brain during sleep, in digestion, when influenced by rage or other emotion, and its normal movements.

IT is proposed to construct a railway right across the Australian continent, from Adelaide to Port Darwin, 1,800 miles long, and parallel with the new telegraph line. There are rich pastures and mines of copper and lead now practically inaccessible along the route.

THE French indemnity is enabling Germany to increase considerably her gold coinage, which amounted, Oct. 26, to $88,750,000, having received an addition of $10,500,000 in the previous five weeks. It was to be still further increased at the rate of $2,500,000 weekly.

STEPS are taking to work over the abandoned gold mines of Virginia by Northern Capitalists who have purchased 2,000 acres of mineral land in Spotsylvania County, and claim to have means of extracting the precious metal profitably which could not be done heretofore.

THEY have compulsory education of Texas. The law requires that all persons under the age of fifteen shall attend school. A married lady in Houston, who has not yet reached the age that would entitle her to exemption, attends school regularly and carries her baby with her.

A SOUTH ADAMS (Massachusetts) boy carried enterprise to the grave the other day by circulating advertising sheets along a funeral procession of forty-seven sleighs. He stood by the roadside, assiduously handing in his bills, and didn't miss anybody in the ranks outside the hearse.

"Is Pat Flanigan on board this ship?" roared Nelson during a lull in the firing at the battle of the Nile. "I'm here, my lord," said Erin's son, showing himself on deck. "Then," said the gallant Nelson, looking satisfied, "let the battle proceed." That story is told by Pat himself.

SETH GREEN, superintendent, on behalf of the New York commissioners of fisheries, notifies the public that on application to him at Rochester, inclosing fifty cents to pay the expense of packing, any person in or out of the State wishing to experiment in hatching salmon trout will have a few hundred sent him.

THE Moscow Gazette publishes statistics of literature and education in Russia that are by no means flattering. Of the entire population only nine per cent. know how to read. In Russia outside of Moscow and St. Petersburg, there are 749 book shops and 237 libraries—or only 585 connection s of books among a population of 65,000,000.

THE full bench of the New Hampshire Supreme Court has sustained the decision of one of its Judges, that if a person buys liquors where the sale is prohibited, but at time of the purchase does not intend to pay for them, because of the law, but conceals that intention, it is a fraud, and the vender can reclaim his liquors or the value thereof.

A SCIENTIST, who had made investigation into the breaking of iron rails during frosty weather, considers that good iron is not affected by frost, but that poor iron does suffer loss of strength. He holds, however, that the extreme rigidity of the earth beneath the rails in cold weather offers a better explanation of breaks than the effects of mere frost upon iron.

THE New York *Herald* says that a number of the present Boston stockholders of the Union Pacific Railroad have written to Horace F. Clarke, now President of the road, asking him to commence a suit for the recovery of $18,000,000, said to have been taken by and divided among those engaged in the Credit Mobilier transaction. The *Herald* says that the suit will compel the full developments of all the facts.

IT is very clear that a closer surveillance will have to be kept of our national banks if they are to be maintained in credit and the public protected from loss by fraudulent officers. It appears from the recent investigation of the fraud upon the Scandinavian Bank of Chicago, that more than seventeen per cent. of its capital stock was paid for with money borrowed from the bank by the defaulting president, on the security of his own notes—that is to say, it was never paid for at all.

FIVE thousand copies of parts first and second, volume I., of the Surgeon-General's Medical and Surgical History of the War, each part as thick as an unabridged dictionary and considerably larger, and profusely illustrated with costly wood cuts and chromo-lithographs, have been printed and bound at the Government printing office. The question now arises, how shall they be distributed? Every member of Congress wants several to send to his district. Every surgeon who served in the war thinks he ought to have a copy, and the Surgeon-General would like 5,000 copies to be distributed.

A CURIOUS old document has just been unearthed at Goshen, Conn., in a petition to the Legislature, signed forty years ago, against the building of a railroad. The grounds taken by these old conservatives are, that "the excitement on the subject of railroads has become much greater than any experience of their utility will warrant, as is common respecting new inventions, as it has been already found that they cannot be beneficially applied as extensively as the interested and exaggerated accounts of them have heretofore led the public to expect," that "the difficulty and expense of constructing them, and of keeping them in repair, are much greater than has been represented," and, finally, that "the danger to life which arises from the frequent accidents, and the expense to get out of repair, is much more serious and alarming than has been supposed."

AN ingenious mechanic of Vienna has invented a glass composition which may be made at any time into curled or frizzled yarn. These frizzled threads, we are told, surpass in fibrousness not only the finest cotton, but even a single cocoon thread, and they appear at the same time almost as soft and elastic as silk lint, and beautiful to the eye. These smooth threads are now woven in Seattle fabrics, which are made into cushions, carpets' table-cloths, shawls, neckties, cuffs, collars and various other articles and they may be used for weaving the figures in brocaded silk or velvet. It also possesses a remarkable strength, remaining unchanged in light or warmth, and is not altered by moisture or acids. It is stated that with a wheel of the diameter of three yards, one operative is able to spin three thousand yards of glass yarn a minute, all of uniform size and of beautiful quality.—*New York Post.*

RAILWAY ITEMS.

THE Michigan Central railway is planting American chestnuts along the entire line.

THE new shops of the Pennsylvania Central Railroad Company, to be built near Jersey City, will be when completed the largest structure of the kind in the world. One of the foundation walls is a mile in length.

IT is now thought by some eminent railway engineers that the true adventures of the broad gauge would have been in using rails two or three inches heavier than the ordinary rails, and engines in proportion, so as to be able to make a running time that would absolutely defy the competition of the common gauge railroad.

ACCORDING to Dr. Sturmer's "History of Railroads," lately published the total length of railroads open for traffic at the end of 1871 was 233,988 kilometres, or, reckoning the kilometre at ⅝ English mile, 146,248 English miles—a length which would go around the equator nearly six times. Of this total, 111,909 kilometres (69,943 miles) belong to Europe; 109,961 kilometres (68,716 miles) to America; 8, 833 kilometres (5,333 miles) to Asia; 1,812 kilometres (1,133 miles) to Australia; and 1,733 kilometres (1,083 miles) to Africa. In Europe the length of railroad is divided as follows: Great Britain possesses the greatest number of miles, 15,327; next comes the German Empire, with 15,113 miles. The other European countries follow in this order: France, 11,041 miles; Russia, 8,919; Austria, 7,437; Italy, 5,986; Spain and Portugal, 5,818; Belgium, 1,901; Sweden and Norway, 1,411; Holland, 1,010; Switzerland, 920; Turkey and Greece, 664; and Denmark, 548 miles.

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DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY, December 28, 1872.

The period having arrived for settling up the business of the year, taking stock, balancing accounts and making out bills, in connection with the continued severity of the weather, makes business generally more than usually dull. In money matters in this city, except for pressing needs, there is nothing of importance occurring. Many of the banks are arranging for the election of directors, which is a large number of them takes place on the 15th of January. There is no indication that there will be any change of importance in any of the boards of the banks in this city. On the re-assembling of Congress, after the holidays, measures for the amelioration of the troubles, which have been so annoying to the trade and commerce of the country, will be brought forward, and from the united wisdom of that great law-making power of the land, it is not unreasonable to expect that steps will be secured to place sufficient legislation will be secured to place money matters in a more favorable situation, and give a re-assurance to the people that the confidence they have invested in their representatives in the councils of the nation, has not been misplaced.

The specie shipments to Europe this week have been large, those of New York alone the present week exceeding $1,100,000. With a continuance of such large exports of the precious metals, a material improvement in the business of this country can be expected.

In local securities increased activity is noticed. In exchange, M. & M. and other bank stocks are wanted. Allegheny Valley bonds sold to-day at par, while in Pittsburgh bs at 97. Considerable property is changing hands, with no abatement in prices. The New York bank statements are somewhat appended: is favorable:

Loans, increase	$1,229,000
Specie, decrease	4,468,000
Specie, increase	3,507,100
Legal tender, decrease	291,700
Net deposits, decrease	50,400
Circulation, increase	25,000

Geo. B. Hill & Co., banker and brokers, No. 56 Fourth avenue, furnish the following quotations of bonds and stocks, from their latest advices by telegraph:

	Saturday.
Gold	112
U. S. Sixes—1881	114½
" " coupons	112¾
5-20—1867	112¾
5-20—1865	112¾
" 1865, new	112¾
" 1867	113¼
" 1868—coupons	113¼
10-40s	109
" —coupons	111¼
Currency 6's	

RAILWAYS

New York Central	98½
Erie	16¾
Michigan Southern	95¾
Cleveland & Pittsburgh	93¾
Rock Island	111¼
North Western, Common	82½
Pacific Mail	37
Western Union Telegraph	86¾
Ohio & Mississippi	48¾
Toledo & Wabash	40½
Adams Express	74
American Express	67¾
United States Express	79¾
Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express	114¾
Harlem	141

Messrs. Gilbough, Bond & Co., brokers and bankers and members of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, furnish the following quotations of the prices to-day of the most active stocks:

Penna. Central	56¾
Reading R. R.	99¾
United Co's New Jersey	123
Cod Creek & Alley'y R. R.	34¾
Lehigh Valley R. R. ex-div.	50¾
Philadelphia & Erie	26¾
Lehigh Navigation	57
Pittsburgh & Co's	94
A. V. R. R. 7 30's bid.	94
Central Transportation	41

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY, December 28, 1872.

Trade in general merchandise continues very quiet, and is likely to remain so during the next week or so; business is always slack at this particular time, and it is not any more so now than usual. The demand for all of the leading commodities is very meagre, being restricted entirely to supplying immediate wants, while in regard to values there are no particular changes.

APPLES—The receipts continue very light, the exceeding cold weather having almost placed an embargo on shipments; however, the supply is ample to meet the demand, and prices are unchanged: $2.00@3 per bbl.

APPLE BUTTER—There is more inquiry, and we can report sales at 9@10c per gallon, according to quality.

BAGGING—Penn Mill: two bushel, 36c; two and a half bushel, 45c; three bushel, 55c; Alleghenys: two bushel, 36c.

BRANS—$2.00@3 per bushel.

BUTTER—Continues dull and with stocks accumulating, prices we quote as dropping: prime to choice roll, 28@30.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Is quoted at 4½c per lb to the trade, and 5c in a jobbing way.

CANNED GOODS—Peaches, 3 lbs cans, $2.25; 2 lbs, $2.00@2.10; Corn, $1.75@1.85; Tomatoes, $1.60; Winslow's, Tomatoes, $2.50.

CARBON OIL—There is no improvement in the demand and prices are weak: 23@25c—1020 additional for small lots.

CHEESE—Is quoted at a jobbing way, at 66 to 67 per bbl, according to quality and size of barrel.

CONCENTRATED LYE—$1.50 per case in first hands, and $2 in a jobbing way.

CRANBERRIES—Sawyer's and Carey's, $14 per bbl; common, $10@12.

CHEESE—Prime Goshen, 16@17. Ohio Sweet, 15@16c.

DRESSED HOGS—Quoted at 6½@6¾c per lb.

EGGS—The arrivals of fresh continue light, and prices are still maintained: 32@35. Limed eggs range all the way from 25@30.

FLOUR—We have to report a steady demand with considerable inquiry from the interior, but while the market is firm there is no quotable change in prices. We continue former quotations: $7.50@8 for spring wheat, and $8.50@9 for red winter, as well as we can say from the scarcity of a dollar between red winters and springs. Rye Flour is unchanged at $8.50.

GRAIN—The receipts and offerings of Wheat continue very meagre, and, with a steady demand, prices are well maintained, while in some red on spot, $1.25@1.30—amber $ to 5c per bushel more. The stock in the hands of millers is more limited than at any time, receiving little or none. Oats firm with a good demand, though prices are unchanged: 47@51 for yellow to prime white the stock or oats in ihis market has not been so much reduced since harvest as at the present time, and it is not because there is a scarcity in the country, but in consequence of the inability of the railroads to get them in. Corn—both shelled and ear are also very much reduced, and prices are firm and higher, that is for spot delivery; sales of shelled reported at 38c for car load, or best of sales of car at 63@65. Ryels in light supply, and there does not seem to be much inquiry for it; we continue to quote at 85@90. Barley unchanged at 80@90 for spring, and 90@$1 for fall.

GREEN FRUIT—Apples continue very dull and no immediate change for the better is anticipated. Prices are still reported at $3@4 per bbl. Grapes are quiet and weak, though unchanged. New Orleans Molasses reported firm, and the indications are that it will continue so until harvest will have the next and cheapest stock. Syrups continue as flat as ever. Rice is firm, but quiet and light.

SUGARS—Crushed, 10½c; Granulated, 10½c; Powdered, 10½c; A, 10c; Extra C, 9¾c; Yellow C, 9¼c; C, 9c; Porto Rico, 10@10½c.

COFFEE—Common Rio, 20@21c; Fair, 21c; Good, 22c; Prime, 23@24c; Roasted, in ½ packages 26c; loose, 24½c; Java, 29@30c.

SPICES—Pepper, 25c; Alspice, 20c; Nutmegs, 85c; B & E, 90c; Maple Flavor, 65c.

SPICES—Grain Pepper, 24c; Alspice, 20c; Nutmegs, 85@90c; Ginger, 25.

RICE—Carolina, 8½@9c; Rangoon, 7¼@8.

MOLASSES—New Orleans, 70@75c.

HAY—Is quiet but unchanged; we continue to quote baled, on track, at $20@23 per ton, according to quality and condition.

HOMINY—$4@4.25 per barrel.

HONEY—Is quoted at 30@35c per lb.

LARD OIL—No. 1 Extra, 90@95; No. 2, 60.

ONIONS—$3.50@3.75 per bbl.

WILD FEED—Bran is quoted at $1.15@1.20 per cwt. Middlings at $1.40@1.50, according to quality. Chops, $1.30@1.40.

MINCE MEAT—Standard brands 12c.

PELTS—Sheep Pelts, $1.10@1.35.

POTATOES—Peerless, $3@3.25; Peach Blow, in a small lot at $3@3.50 per bushels.

POULTRY—Live chickens, 5@6c per pair; dressed, 7@8c; Live Geese and Turkeys, 10@12c; Ducks, 12@14c. Rabbits, 40@45c per pair. Quails, $1.50@1.75 per doz.

PROVISIONS—Sugar Cured Hams, 18@c; Sugar Cured Shoulders, 7½c; Plain Shoulders, 6½c; Rib Sides, 8c; Breakfast Bacon, 12c; Dried Beef, 12c; Mess Pork, $14.50; Prime Mess Pork, $14.50; Hog Lard, in tierces, 8¾c; half bbls, 9¼c; pails, 10. Pigs Feet: in half bbls, $4.75 in kegs, $1.60.

OILS—Quoted at 35@37½c.

SEEDS—Flax seed is quoted at $1.90@1.95, and Timothy at $3.50@3.60 per bushel.

TALLOW—Unchanged at 8@8½c.

WHISKY—Highwines unchanged at 90@94 cents.

CENTRAL STOCK YARDS, PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

CENTRAL STOCK YARDS, EAST LIBERTY, SATURDAY, December 28, 1872.

ARRIVALS.

The arrivals of all kinds of live stock were remarkably light during the past week, which we presume, is attributable to the blockading snow-storms which have crippled the railroads, and, besides, the market generally was in a most unsatisfactory condition, presenting no inducement to stimulate shipments from the west. The receipts for the week were less than during the two days preceding, and it was owing to several delayed stock trains having reached here during the early part of the week. In our report of Friday, shipments east of here have been suspended, and we are happy to say the order was in order wasstill in force; it is possible that it may be revoked this afternoon, and perhaps before this reaches the people there will be trains moving, but, as a matter of course the suspension of shipments has almost placed an embargo on trade in the interior, and will continue until there is some show of getting it moved—it don't pay to feed stock here; cattle are selling at from $1.20 per bushel, and hay at $20 per ton. One good effect of the snow-storm and consequent suspension of shipments will be seen in the spring, up the eastern markets, which, it is well known have been overstocked for the past year, and the probability is that trade will open up more satisfactory in the new year. Everything is in a state of waiting, and nothing will be done to-day, and in order to afford a comparison we append those of the two preceding weeks:

	This week.	Last week.
Cattle	132	211 cars.
Hogs	11	21 "
Sheep	9	21 "
Horses	9	2 "
Mules	1	
Total	160	255 "

CATTLE.

Trade has been very dull during the past three days, but this will be easily understood from what we have stated, there is nothing doing in which to operate up until this morning, and besides the limited number of cattle on the market will be until the railroad commences to receive again for the east, and consequently those who had stock from taking advantage of the very light supply, and the consequent scarcity, have disposed of it, higher as compared with last week, but, and it not been for the order given by Hill to hold up the advance would have been still greater. The principal sale during the past week was one drove of 133 prime Illinois steers, averaging 1,311 lbs, at 6¼; we can also report 12 sales of stags and oxen at 4@5. The receipts of cattle last night footed up 25 cars. Following may be regarded as the ruling prices:

QUOTATIONS.	
Prime, 1,200@1,400 lbs steers	5 75@7 00
Primeto choice 1,100@1,200 steers	5 25@5 75
Fair to good 1,000@1,100 steers	4 00@5 00
Odd cows and steers	3 00@3 50
Bulls	2 00@3 00

HOGS.

The arrivals last night, some 26 cars, were larger than was expected, and, as a matter of fact, while the receipts for this week were but little over one-half of those last week, trade opened very dull, and closed with a large diminish of arrivals, and dragged all the way through. As an offset against the light receipts, shipments have been suspended during the past forty-eight hours, which, of course has almost blocked business, hence, trade very dull, as the falling off in the demand was fully equal to the falling off in the receipts, and consequently prices unchanged, as the eastern shippers are virtually out of the market, and will continue so until there is a better state of getting it distributed—it is expensive holding hogs over here two or three days; hence, buyers are not to be blamed for not paying what is prepared to receive again—when that will be, we are unable at this writing to state, but it is safe to say it will be with the snow much longer than to-day or to-morrow; however, it all depends on the weather. The largest drove sold to-day, and for Tuesday, are still at Harrisburg—there is more trouble on the other end of the road than there is here, and we understand that at Harrisburg, we understand that the Allentown route is blocked also, which serves to complicate matters with New York, it was estimated that there 6,000 head in the pens to-day, of which about 3,000 were upon the market positively for slaughter, and if there was any assurance that communication with the east would be opened up within 24 and 48 hours, the market would no doubt improve, as the receipts, in consequence of the recent cold, weather, were but few and light, as they will be to-come; however, there has been little or no change in prices since the first part of the week. Allegheny City Packing Company bought 500 good hogs to-day at 4@9. Following may be regarded as the ruling:

QUOTATIONS:	
Prime to extra Philadelphia hogs	3 90@4 00
Common to extra Yorkers	3 80@4 00
Fat, smooth, 180@150	4 20@4 30
Mixed Hogs stock	3 90@3 75

SHEEP.

The operations in this class of stock have also been very limited during the past two or three days, not from any falling off in the demand, but from the scarcity of stockas will be seen the arrivals since this day week only foot up 9 cars, and with the exception of a few small necessary supply, and prices in consequence are higher. Hedges, Hill & Co. sold for sale to-day, to Adams Express, on Friday, at 5.60, which, it said, was fully half a cent better than this grade would have brought on Monday. Hellmuth, Lafferty & Co. had four cars on sale to-day, from Chicago, which they held at 5¾ and 6c.

QUOTATIONS:	
Fine wool, 90@100 lbs	5 00@5 25
Fine wool, 80@90 lbs	5 50@5 75
Fine wool, 70@80 lbs	5 90@6 00

PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY, December 28, 1872.

Trade in Petroleum, both for crude and refined, has been somewhat dull during the past week, and the market, especially for crude, is considerably depressed, and prices are lower than we have to report thereof. Our dispatches from the producing regions report business as being at a deadlock, but very little doing at any price; the Parker, our main source of supply, it is quoted nominally at $2.70@2.75, but there is no sale, and its probable that, should it be placed below these figures for cash, it would seem that many of the producers are hard up for funds to meet maturing obligations; hence, they must realize if it can be done, no matter if they have to accept a price that affords them no profit. The great trouble, after all, lies in the fact that there is more oil being produced than is being consumed; this is evident from the fact that notwithstanding the price is down—claimed by some to be below the cost of production—stocks are steadily accumulating, while, on the other hand, the demand seems to be falling off. It is hoped that the new co-operative project, which was recently agitated upon, and subsequently ratified, by both producers and refiners, may result in a reduction for the better, may result in placing the trade on a more substantial and better basis, but judging from present indications, the prices for the time being are out of the question, and those who have been holding for higher prices will be disappointed. Refined is 2c dull as ever, and promises to remain so for a long time to come; exporters are still out of the market; it is said that there has been little or no oil sold for export during the past sixty days. The demand for refined trade is also very dull, there are but very few orders coming in and these few are in the vicinity of 10 to 50 barrel character. Single barrels are less active, and if anything weaker, but with a very limited supply. Naphtha is unchanged, sales making at 27½c country, $2.10.

Receipts crude this week	37,132 bbls.
" last week	1,158,501 "
" since 1st of Jan. to date	1,146,401 "
" same time, 1871	11,250 "
Exports refined this week	12,062 "
" last week	19,659 "
" Jan'y 1 to date	1,030,637 "
" same time in 1871	133,943 "

REFINED OIL SHIPPED EAST VIA A. V. R. R.

L. Irwin & Co., 625 bbls. to Waring, King & Co., Philadelphia.
Citizens Oil Co. 202 bbls. to Tack Bros. & Co., Philadelphia.
Standard O Co. 309 bbs. to Warden, Frew & Co., Philadelphia.
Central Ref. Co. 427 bbls to Logan Bros. & Co., G H Anderson.
ALLEGHENY VALLEY R. R.—64 cars coal, S M Kier; 20 do do, Sable Coal Co; 7 do do, 1 do lumber, N Y & C G Co; 15 bbls r oil, DC Shaw; 52 bbls l oil, Eclipse Co; 25 bales g hides, 6 do o pelts, 11 b hides, 7 bbls tallow, 20 bales calf skins, Wm Flocken & Sons; 6 calves, 2 colts, Wm Huffman; 3 calves, John Hoffman; 7 b hides, 3 bbls tallow, Lappe & H; 2 bbls mdse, W J Steel & Co; 3 pkgs ware, Union G Co; 1 do do, Scull & Bro; 8 sks rags, M'Cullough & S; 4 bxs poultry, McIntire; 7 sks flour, 1 bxs butter, A McConnell; 2 pcs carriage, Graff & H; 2 bxs butter, J A Schall; 25 pkgs marketing, Owners.

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PITTSBURGH, CINCINNATI & ST. LOUIS R. R. Bibbs & glass, Wolf & Co; 4 do do, Voigt M & Co; 15 do molasses, T C Jenkins; 60 pails tobacco, Fullerton & Son; 109 bales hay, J Hartbert; 1 car do, G Gordon & Co; 1 do do, M F Herron & Co; 1 do do, W G Miller; 1 do bran, Laing & Mck; 1 do barley, W J Mock; 400 sks flour, H Jenkins Bro.

PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE & CHICAGO R. R. 300 bbls flour, Graff & Co; 4 cars whiskey, Graff & Co; 8 do do, 5 do eggs, 3 do tallow, 1 keg b wax, Voigt M & Co; 1 trunk, W Pickering & Co; 3423 pcs p bans, E H Meyers & Co; 6 bbls s corn, Dilworth Bros; black coffee, J S Dilworth; 1 coil rope, 1 keg butter, Atwell & Son; 3 sks g bne scraps, B Pflaum; 1 d hog, 2 crocks butter, B Eyman; 1 car lime, W H Shuel; 1 lot goods, A H Nobbs.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH R. R.—58 bbls p tar, H C Vantine; 2 cars g stone, Wm Flocken & Co; 5 cars o bbls, Citizens Ref. Co; 9 cars do do, Duncan & Z; 2 do do, W M Scott & Co; 1 do do, Henderson; 1 do do, McKee & Bro; 1 car lumber, Black & S; 6 csks p ass, Excelsior G Co; 1 car oats, J Graham; 1 do apples, A McIntosh; 46 pkgs cider, 2 bbls eggs, 2 bxs butter, 2 rags, Lob & C; 1 car potatoes, Pringle & Sons; 1 do do, Wm Huffman; 26 crks s butter, Head C & o; 17 d hogs, H Rea; 3 bbls whisky, Adler R & Co; 16 bdls paper, Pitt P Mfg Co; 62 b hides, 8 e hides, 2 calf skins, G H Anderson.

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Cotton.

NEW ORLEANS, December 28.—Cotton quiet; sales 4,500; good ordinary 18¾; low middlings 19; middlings uplands 19¾; middling Orleans 19¾. Receipts 3,486; exports to Liverpool 4,682; New York 1,764; Continent 25,62; stock 16,256.

GALVESTON, December 28.—Cotton firm; net receipts 1,226. Exports: Great Britain 862; sales 1,000; stock 30,000.

MOBILE, December 28.—Cotton firm; net receipts 1,657; exports: coast 1,133; sales 1,500; stock 39,839.

CHARLESTON, December 28.—Cotton firm; net receipts 1,553; sales 1,000; stock 4,2181.

SAVANNAH, December 28. Cotton firm; ordinary 18½; low middlings 19½; middlings 19¾; net receipts 4,662; exports: Great Britain 6,622; coast 132; sales 2,162; stock 87,858.

RIVER NEWS.

—The year which is about to close will be memorable as a year of disaster, though, unfortunately, this will be no special distinction, for every year seems freighted with appalling calamities. Terrific gales and cyclones have come with desolating force over land and ocean. Fires have ravaged cities, floods inundated large districts of country, and pestilence has spread through the land, stacking both man and beast with incredible victims. In addition to the cyclonotic among horses, small-pox among people, and unparalleled low water in our rivers, the following accidents may be noted to West: Steamers within a short period: St. Mary's, Kaldeu, Kittie Reed, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Gustave, Little Rock, Mist, Gray Eagle, H. C. Wilson, Fleetwood, T. H. Allen, all stranded; E. C. Gray, snagged; Emma, burned; Cleburne and Fort Gibson, damaged by collision; Jennie Howell, stranded; General Buell, Nat. Williams and Wild Cat, cut down by the ice; besides other accidents not remembered. Among steamers lost at sea the following are brought to mind: Metis, Bienville, Missouri, Scanderia, Sacramento, Guiding Star, St. Louis, Cheremie, Gustave and Queenstown, together with dozens of sailing vessels abandoned or lost in the broad ocean and on the lakes. It is estimated that nearly one thousand people have lost their lives by the various disasters that have befallen mariners and property.—Cincinnati Commercial.

—Saturday's Cincinnati Gazette says: The Coffee Run steamer was engaged yesterday in removing the coalboats from Pumpkin Patch to a point in the Ohio. The amount of coal there is estimated at 2,500,000, all intended for a southern market. The barge Bellefonte, built at Carrollton, by De Wild & Co., belonged to Capt. John Kyle, of Cincinnati, and was uninsured. It was a model barge, just one year old, and W. F. Carrington, of the Kate Putnam, arrived from Pittsburgh yesterday, and in reports that the Bellefonte was the prettiest craft she ever saw afloat.

—Capt. H. H. Newell died in Memphis, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Jno. W. Wilkes, on the 14th inst.

—Last week the President sent in the name of Joseph Nimmick, Jr., as Supervising Inspector General of steam vessels.

—There are four feet of water in Red river. The boats are all in the trade and will keep up in and at the mouth to reach Shreveport.

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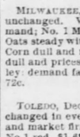

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Refer to whom I am supplying: Hussey, Wells & Co., Wm. Smith, Union Iron Mills, S. S. Fowler & Co., Mitchell, Stevenson & Co., Bissell & Co., Graff & Hunt, Alexander Bradley, Park, Bro. & Co., Park, McCurdy & Co., Reese, Graff & Dull, Wm. M. Faber & Co., J. R. Lyon & Co., James Marshall & Co., Allen, Mickee & Co., Union Depot Hotel, Connellsville railroad, Pennsylvania railroad, Allegheny Valley railroad.

Foreign.

LONDON, December 28—5 P. M.—Consols for money 91¾@91¾, and for account 91¾. United States bonds, 5-20's of 1862, old, 90¼; do 1865, 90¾; new 5's, 85¾; Erie 50¾. Rate of money at Stock Exchange on Government securities, is lower than bank rate by ½. Refined petroleum 20½@21d.

HOME NEWS.

Warning.

If the snow now on our streets should go off rain, which it is very likely to do, many cellars will be flooded and much damage done. When for such losses and damage the city shall be held liable in the courts, the officials may discover that it had been better for themselves, and for the City Treasury, if they had heeded the many complaints and found both authority and means for doing their simple duty, and doing it *before*, rather than after, the coming of flood time.

Probable Fatal Accident.

Yesterday morning a little girl aged about eight years, the daughter of Mr. James Manning, a moulder in Price's foundry and a resident of Gibbon street, Sixth ward, met with a slagular and, it is feared, fatal accident. The child had been standing on a chair in the dining room when it toppled over with her, throwing her upon a piece of broken rung in the chair-back, which penetrated her body between the ribs. The injury is quite serious, and the patient was in a very critical condition last night.

Y. M. C. A.

The monthly business meeting of the Y. M. C. A., was held in their rooms on Saturday evening. The choir of the Central Presbyterian Church, Allegheny, was in attendance and sang a number of pieces of sacred music. After transacting the usual routine business, and listing to the reports of the Standing Committees, the audience was favored with an address on the "Indian Question," by Mr. T. K. Cree, Secretary of the Indian Commission. Mr. Cree described the Government peace policy, and related a number of interesting details of its practical working.

Work House Revolt.

On Thursday, in the Barrel Factory of the Workhouse a revolt was attempted, led by the well-known and notorious Bull White. From what can be learned, White had found some umbrage with his keeper, and had concluded to refuse certain work that was asked of him. He informed others of the prisoners so, and when he refused to do as ordered, they were to make an attack on the Keepers, and thus affect a general escape. As those same things have been tried in other institutions and failed, so it did here. For awhile though, things looked rather dubious, but they were overcome, and the leader White and others placed in close confinement, after being pretty well used up. One of the Keepers had his hand badly bitten by one of the ruffians, but otherwise none of the officers were in any way injured.

Resolutions of Respect.

At a meeting of the Directors of the United Savings Bank, held on Saturday, December 28, the following resolutions of respect were adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty God to remove us, by death, our friend and brother director, W. H. Sims.

Resolved 1. That as officers and directors of this bank we testify, cordially, to the worth of our departed friend and to his kind and gentlemanly intercourse with his fellow-directors in the bank.

2. That we tender to his bereaved widow and family our sympathy for the great loss sustained by them.

3. That these resolutions be inscribed on the minutes of the board, and a copy sent to the family of the deceased.

4. That the officers and board of directors attend the funeral in a body.

Mishaps of Merry-Makers.

Sleighing parties don't always have supreme pleasure, a fact that can be verified by numbers of the merry-makers who indulged in the amusement Saturday night. One party that we heard of, numbering four ladies and four attendants, left the city early in the evening for a trip along the Butler road, and passed along merrily and well until they reached a point about fifteen miles from the city where the horses became unmanageable. The result was an upset, a wrecked sleigh, and a party abandoned on the roadside fifteen miles from home. The horses were no more heard of and the party walked back to town, getting here in time for breakfast yesterday morning.

A couple of young men named respectively, Jackson and Maxwell, were upset Saturday night on the Perrysville road, but were not hurt.

Saturday evening Mr. Fred Reiter was driving along North avenue in a sleigh, when a couple of boys, Ed Weaver and John Hasenberger commenced to snowball him. Among the missiles was a piece of ice which struck him in the head and inflicted a very severe wound. The boys were taken into custody.

Death of W. C. Robinson.

Another of our prominent citizens is no more. Mr. William C. Robinson died at 4½ o'clock on Saturday, 28th December, 1872, at the Monongahela House, in the 68th year of his age.

Mr. Robinson was senior partner and founder of the extensive manufacturing firm of *Robinson, Rea & Co.*, well known throughout the west and south as builders of steam engines and mill machinery. He was born in Ireland, but came, with his father, to Pittsburgh when but a mere lad. He probably has no survivor who has been longer engaged in active business than he. He was among the pioneers in the steam navigation on our rivers. His firm of Robinson Minis & Miller (Mr. Reuben Miller, Jr.) built the first steamboat in this country for commercial use. As a business man, he was active, energetic, enterprising and of sterling probity. As a neighbor and friend, he was hospitable, large-hearted and genial. In his domestic life he was kind, indulgent and affectionate. We have held very close friendly and business relations with him for forty years or more, and have long esteemed him as the best type of a true friend. His death is therefore felt by us as a family bereavement. The very many friends with whom, for half a century, he has been going out and in together, conspicuous for his even, consistent and unswerving fidelity to all the demands of good neighborhood, will feel his loss as a privation only less sore and afflictive than to his immediate family of which a son, two daughters and several grandchildren are his survivors.

Homeless.

On Friday afternoon, Mrs. Jennie Hotchkiss came to this city in destitute circumstances, from Cleveland. The woman is looking for a brother-in-law named William H. Griffin, who is employed in some one of the many glass works around the city. On Friday night she had no place to go and no money. She had a child three years old with her. A kind-hearted gentleman afforded her lodgings, and breakfast on Saturday morning. From after breakfast Saturday till eleven o'clock at night she wandered about the city in search of work and friends, but found none. At that hour she came to the station and requested of Captain Palmer the privilege of sleeping there, which he granted. Yesterday morning he took her to his home and gave her and her child some clothing, for which and having her money sufficient to buy a meal for herself and child, and pay her car fare in search of her relatives, and also gave her instructions to come back in the evening in case she found nowhere to go. Last evening she came back, when Mr. James Sheron, of Diamond alley, took her to his home, and cared for her until this morning. The woman looks decent and deserving; she will not beg, she says her husband has been dead three years, and the child is nearly that age. She would like to find her brother-in-law or some one who will give her employment; the child is an interesting little girl, and apparently very intelligent.

"A TALE OF HORROR."

Two Sides to a Story.—A Distressing Case.—The Death of a Child.—A Corpse Unclothed Two Days'.—Statement of the Secretary of the Board of Guardians.

The *Leader* of yesterday contained an item in reference to a case of suffering which was of a peculiarly harrowing character. The statement in substance was that a Mrs. McLaughlin, residing on Pike street, near Fourteenth, occupied a room with children—living in the utmost squalor and filth. Last week one of the children took sick, and on Christmas morning the child died. The mother alleged that she first prepared the corpse for burial and then went to get assistance from the Guardians of the Poor, but was unable to receive aid because of her inability to find Secretary Fortune. The body laid in the house on Wednesday and Thursday—one fire being possible in the room for fear of hastening decomposition—and at last was buried on Friday morning through the benevolence of one of our city undertakers. Such in essence is the woman's story, but the narrative, like every other, has two sides to it. The statement of Mr. Fortune, corroborated by Dr. Benham, differs very materially from this, in so far as the implication of neglect is concerned. This counter-statement is to the effect that Mrs. McLaughlin lives in a cellar on Pike street, in the most menial occupations. About the beginning of the year 1871, her husband disappeared, leaving her to support the children. She began receiving relief from the Board of Guardians, and has continued to receive aid from that time. Secretary Fortune visited her abode, and finally persuaded her to remove with her children to the City Farm, in March, 1871. She stayed there but a month or so, and then returned voluntarily to her old life. Dr. Benham, physician of the district, visited the house whenever medical assistance was needed, and was called in about a month ago to see a child, three years old, which had been burned. He then stated that the child could not recover unless there was a change of home, and endeavored, assisted by Mr. Fortune, to induce her to go back to the farm, but their persuasions were of no avail. Last Tuesday morning Dr. Benham, was called and that night the child died. Christmas day, Mr. Fortune says, he was in the office all day from 8 A. M. to 9 P. M., and Dr. Benham was there and found in his office also. Notice of the child's death was received until Thursday. On that day Mr. Fortune was out of the city during a part of the time on official service. The woman admitted to Dr. Benham that she had not given notice of the child's death to the proper authorities until Thursday, and as soon as the fact was made known she secured a certificate from Dr. Benham and the case was attended to without a moment's delay. Such is the other side if the story related by Mr. Fortune and corroborated by Dr. Benham, and we give it that our readers may have both sides.

The Second and Last Quarter for the Season for New Beginners.

Prof. D. Mayer's select Dancing Academy, Turner Hall, Sixth avenue. The second quarter for new beginners will commence Saturday, January 4th, 1873, for juveniles, and on Tuesday evening, January 7th, for ladies and gentlemen.

Reliable Timekeepers.

Messrs. J. R. Reed & Co., the well known Fifth avenue Jewelers, have a nice assortment of Fine Watches for ladies, gentlemen, misses or boys, for holiday gifts. Look in at the store.

STABBING AFFRAY.

The Saturday Night Broil on Fifth Avenue.—Two Men Badly Cut.—One Probably Fatally.

It seems as though the fiend incarnate reigns upon Saturday nights, for as every successive week brings about its end, human blood must be shed. Ruffianism then reigns rife. Whether it is that the night is more conducive to crime, or because the majority of men receive their weekly stipend upon that night, is not known, certain it is, however, that crime seems to take its impulse of growth upon this evening and then subsides. Last Saturday night was no exception to this rule. Then Thomas Hart, crazed by the demon drink attempted to raise a disturbance in a house of ill-repute on Sixth avenue, when he was ejected. He claimed he had lost a watch there, to which there was no *proof*. He then went to Messrs. Burns, O'Neill and Riley's livery stable office, where he commenced to raise a row, thinking it was part of the place he had just left, as it was next door. He broke the windows, attacked every one that came in his way, and created a small reign of terror in the vicinity. One of the employees of the stable named Vaughn, then came in, when Hart ran around the corner of Grant street, with Vaughn following, who came up with him and then brought him back to the livery office, where he paid three dollars for the damage done the windows. He was then told to go, when he deliberately turned around and broke several additional panes of glass, for which he refused to pay. He was then taken in custody by two men named Vaughn and Sharp, who intended to take him to the lock-up. They were assisted by John McLane and William Copeland. As they proceeded along Fifth avenue towards Smithfield street. They were followed by a promiscuous crowd among which were Charles Moorhead, and a man named O'Brien, between Liberty alley and Smithfield street, Hart pulled out a knife, the blade of which was about four inches in length. He made a back handed lunge at Moorhead, who was near, and inflicted an ugly gash upon him just above the groin, sufficient to allow the protrusion of his entrails. Moorhead felt the shock, but took no notice of it,—as the cut only caused him little pain; but a minute or two after he heard a man shout that he was cut, when he took his hand to feel the place where he had been struck just previously; he found the hot trickling stream, and being nearly exhausted, so much so that he could not return home, he came to the conclusion to go with the prisoner to the lock up, and there have his wound dressed. Lieutenant Hazen, who happened to be in the vicinity, hastened to the scene, and placed the man in the custody of two officers. The other man stabbed was named O'Brien. He was not very seriously injured, though he fell exhausted to the ground. He was carried to the office of Dr. Donnely, on Grant street, where he was properly attended to. His wound was found to be in the region of the kidney's but not of such a nature as to cause a fear for its result, unless peritonitis sets in. Dr. McCann was notified of Moorehead's injuries, and hastened to the lock-up to attend the wounded man. He immediately pronounced his injuries exceedingly dangerous. With the assistance of Captain Palmer, Moorhead was conveyed to the desk, where the doctor performed the necessary surgical operation, which he found to be fully as dangerous as first supposed. Last evening the Deputy Mayor was notified that the man was rapidly sinking, and that it would be well to take his ante-mortem statement. Acting upon this information Lieutenant Hazen, accompanied by Lieutenant Hazen, went to the residence of the injured man, when he made the following statement:

"My name is Charles Moorehead; I am about twenty-four years of age; went out of the house last night (Dec. 28th); heard a window break across the street; I saw one man following as the man who was running ahead of him; the man who was after him was close to him; as soon as he fell the other man had hold of him; at that time I did not know either of them; I do not know either of them. —they are strangers to me; I did not think either of them was a police officer; when the man fell I crossed the street to where he fell; was above Burn's stable on Grant street; there was a considerable crowd about where the man fell; Pat. Vaughn was there; the boys took the man who was running away into the office of the livery stable; I saw no police officers around at the time; this happened about eleven o'clock, or a few minutes after; when they went into the office I walked away; went down the corner of Sixth street and stood there a while; then crossed Grant street and was coming home; was coming into the alley and heard the window breaking in the office; I looked and saw a crowd coming out of the office; I then crossed the street again in front of the office; Pat Vaughn and this stange man came out of the office; Vaughn had hold of the man by the left arm; he walked towards Fifth avenue with him and I followed the crowd; there might have been five or six about at that time; I followed them down Fifth avenue past the Cathedral and down past Cherry alley; when we were near corner of Fifth avenue and Smithfield street, the prisoner struck me; I was; about two yards from him when he struck me with his right hand a back-handed blow; I felt something like a knife but it did not hurt me at first; I stepped aside, when I saw he was a little rough, so let him go ahead; I saw him strike another man about three minutes after he struck me; a short distance from where he struck me he had a knife in his hand; the man he struck halloed he was cut; and then I put down my hand and felt the blood running down, and I halloed I was cut too; I then felt a little faint and near the groin, on the right side. After I halloed I was cut. I found I could not get home, so I followed on to the Mayor's office, holding my hand on the cut. I had been struck before or after the cutting. The man that Pat Vaughan had is the man that cut me. I do not know his name. I do not know that I would know him if I saw him again. I am not able to be out. I feel pretty bad and that it is uncertain whether I live or die. I do not know what to think about it. I hadn't hold of the man at any time."

his
CHARLES ✕ MOORHEAD.
mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29th day of December, 1872.

JOSEPH A. BUTLER, Alderman.

The man O'Brien, who was stabbed slightly, is a single man and resides on Poplar alley.

Moorhead is a married man, has a young wife and an interesting child. Last night at ten o'clock, his condition was very precarious.

The man, Hart, is a milk dealer on Market street. He scarcely realized the position he was in yesterday, and seemed to take the thing rather as a huge joke than an attempt at double murder.

THE COURTS.

Saturday's Proceedings.

CRIMINAL COURT—JUDGE STOWE.

The following sentences were passed:

Frank Gallagher and *Cyrus* Coulter, who plead guilty to receiving stolen goods, were sent to the Work House for one year and six months.

Charles Henry and Wm. Maxwell, for receiving stolen goods, were sent to the Work House for three months.

James Cox and Thomas McGarvey, convicted of receiving goods, were sent to the House of Refuge. On a second indictment Cox was sentenced to jail for twenty-four hours, and on a third indictment sentence was suspended. The parties were charged with entering the dwelling houses of Robert D. Crompton, L. H. Smith, and R. W. Hare. Wm. Henry, who was jointly indicted with Cox and McGarvey, but acquitted on all three, pleaded *nole contendere* to two indictments, charging him with entering dwellings with intent to commit a felony, and also one for assault and battery. He was sent to the Refuge.

Kate Haney, convicted of unlawfully cutting and wounding John D. M'Chesney, was sent to the Work House for ten months.

Joseph Robinson, found guilty of assault with intent to commit rape, was sentenced to the Penitiary for three years and six months.

George Kingsland, convicted of a felonious assault upon Thomas L. McClelland, was sentenced to the Penitentiary for one year and three months.

Thomas Powers, convicted on two charges of larceny, was sent to the Penitentiary for one year and six months on the first, and twenty-four hours imprisonment in jail on the second.

Anzell Johnston, for embezzling money from the Ormsby Passenger Railway Company, was sent to the Work House for six months.

William Mercer, who entered a plea of nole contendre to a charge of larceny, was sent to jail for twenty days.

Peter Hartman plead guilty of larceny and was sent to jail for a term of five days.

John F. Butler entered pleas of guilty to two indictments for larceny. He was sentenced to jail for five days. Sentence on one indictment was suspended.

Daniel Jones and Ellen Jones, convicted of larceny and receiving stolen goods, were each sent to the Work House for six months.

Martin Meyers, for the larceny of a brass rubber from the American Iron Works, was sentenced to pay the costs and to a term of twenty days in jail.

Trial List for To-day.

Commonwealth vs.	
A. J. Baird,	John Obey,
Jas. Campbell, et al,	Margaret Gilgallon,
Paul Ludwig,	Jos. King,
Charles Helmer,	Jacob Haase,
Andrew Grier,	Andrew Keller,
Forcter,	Jacob Miller,
Louisa Dunbaum,	John Harrison.
Lizzie Kelly,	

COMMON PLEAS—JUDGES STERRETT AND COLLIER.

Final orders were issued granting a charter of corporation to the West Pittsburgh and Temperanceville B. and L. Association, and to the Good-Will B. and L. Association.

Darwin E. Aikinson filed a petition for divorce from Ella Atkinson, the reasons given therefor being desertion and adultery. A subpœna was awarded.

Benjamin Ebbel asked for a divorce from Margaret Ebbel on the ground of adultery. A subpœna was awarded.

Viewers were appointed to assess the damages sustained by Philip Hoffman, whose property was taken by the P. V. & C. Railway Company.

Amusements.

PITTSBURGH OPERA HOUSE.—On account of its immense success, "A Flash of Lightning" will be kept upon the boards another week. An extra Matinee will be given on New Year's Day.

ARIE'S AMERICAN THEATRE.—To-night Blanche Weaver in her protean changes will make her appearance. All the favorite of last week remain. Stupendous bills will be given all the week, and a grand matinee on New Year's day.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Carncross and Dixey's Minstrels, in their unrivalled performance, will favor us another week at this popular resort. They offer an immense bill of attractions for this week, and a grand matinee New Year's day.

TRIMBLE'S VARIETIES.—To-night, and every night this week the grand holiday attractions will be kept upon the boards with a host of new stars. Grand matinee New Year's day.

BREVITIES.

....Another snow storm.

....Sleighing never was better.

....The usual Saturday night affray.

....Another week and the Lord of Mis-rule will cease his reign.

...."Reporters" were treated to a free sleigh ride and lunch on Saturday evening.

....Frank Murphy, of Arch street, Allegheny, had a legacy of $15,000 left him by a relative in Ireland.

....The Pacific express, on Saturday, ran over a horse at Irwin's station, and the animal was instantly killed.

....The expenses of the Allegheny Fire Department for the year just about to close, will foot up about $30,900.

....William Irwin an employee at the Metal Yards had one of his fingers amputated on Saturday morning while uncoupling cars.

....The Brinton accommodation train on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was detained about an hour at Brinton's station on Saturday night.

....Saturday night some sacrilligious thieves broke into the German Lutheran church on Main street, and carried off a couple of drawers from the table containing $35.

....The obsequies of the late William C. Robinson, will be held at 10 o'clock this morning at the Monongahela house, from whence the funeral cortege will proceed to the Allegheny Cemetery.

....The boys, to the number of about three hundred, enjoyed the luxury of a grand snow ball and stone fight, on the ice above Herr's Island yesterday afternoon. Nobody hurt and nobody arrested.

....Alfred Schultz had the fingers of his left hand so badly injured while at work at the steam shears of Lewis, Oliver & Phillips mill, on Saturday, that an amputation of two fingers was found necessary by Dr. Riggs.

....The name of the man injured by a runaway team on Smithfield street is Jacob Leutzino, a resident of the Twenty-sixth ward, South Side. His skull was not fractured, as stated on Saturday, but he received a severe scalp wound.

....On Saturday morning a street car and a wagon loaded with iron came into collision on the corner of Smithfield street and Fourth avenue. No damage was done save the breaking of the car tongue and the ruin of one of the wagon wheels. The car passengers were some what frightened but no one was hurt.

....The drug store of T. J. Augustine, on Wylie avenue, corner of Chatham street, presents rather a queer appearance. Mr. A. died some six or seven days ago, the store has not been open since his death, and the bottles and jars in the window have frozen and cracked, presenting a rather dejected appearance.

....A colored man named Isaac Henry, attempted to jump on the Cincinnati express train on the Pennsylvania Railroad, as it was passing Torren's station, on Saturday afternoon, but missed his footing and fell to the ground. The wheels passed over his left side, crushing it terribly, but escaped with only a number of severe bruises.

....The following is the result of the election for commissioners of the Forbes street improvement. The first on the list chosen one: Thos. Wightman, 80; James Murdoch, 80; Alex. Chambers, 80; C. J. Clarke, 104½; John McDavitt, 76; G. A. Balantine, 99½; James McGinnis, 45½; D. Hayden, 84½; Jas. P. Barr, 1.

....Unity Lodge, No. 216 K. of P., of Allegheny, held an election for officers on Christmas night, and chose the following: W. P., John Emmel, Jr.; W. C., G. C. Lightcap; V. C., Geo. M. Thompson: B., W. H. Barker; F. S., U. S. Perry; R. J., W. H. King; G., Wm. Overing; I. S., G. W. Taylor; O. S., H. Gray; R. G. L., W. H. Barker.

....While a man in the employ of R. H. Hartley was driving down Collin's avenue, East Liberty, in a sleigh on Saturday, the horse he was driving became unmanageable and broke away, in front of D. R. Kulm's flour mills; the sleigh struck a post, demolishing it, and throwing out its occupant, injuring him considerably about the head. He was taken into the mill office where Dr. B. D. Perchment dressed his wounds.

....At a meeting of "Pride of the West" Lodge, No. 7, Knights of Honor, held on Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected: M. W., Wm. H. Faulkner; G. F., P. W. Herron; O., Wm. Overing; C., Silas W. Lardwig; Recorder, Wm. K. Carlisle; Financier, Joseph Washington; Receiver, James E. Strickler; O. W., Samuel H. Druitt; J. W., Charles S. Ludwig; Trustee, Jas. Hamilton.

....Sheridan Post 88, G. A. R., held an annual election Friday evening last, at which the following officers were elected: Post Commander, W. Tyers; Senior Vice, M. Keogh; Junior Vice, W. J. Bartley; Q. M., W. L. McCormick; Officer of Day, W. M'Vicker; Officer of Guard, Jacob Rouswitz; Surgeon, D. W. Riggs; Chaplain, H. Hoffman; Delegate, M'C. Beuner; O. S., W. S. Caldwell; Delegate, D. W. Riggs; Alternates, J. R. Oxley and Henry Warner.

....The mortuary report of Allegheny city for the week ending December 28th, according to Health Officer Hosh, is as follows: White, 19; Male, 9; female, 10. Rheumatism of the heart, 1; cancer of stomach, 1; hydrocephalus, 1; marasmus, dropsy, 1; still-born, 2; old age, 1; accident, 2; spasms, 3; unknown, 1; bronchitis, 1; neuralgia of the heart, 1; premature birth, 1; natural, 1. Under one year of age, 10; between ten and twenty, 2; between thirty and forty, 1; between sixty and seventy, 2; between seventy and eighty, 2.

....An insane man, sixty years of age, named McLaughlin, escaped from the express train on the Fort Wayne Road, near Leetsdale, on Friday morning, while going at a good rate of speed. The train was stopped almost immediately, but the lunatic had fled, and no trace of what had become of him, expecting, of course, to find him seriously, if not dangerously injured, but, instead, he was quietly sweeping out a bank. He was taken back to Leetsdale, and from there sent to this city, and then to his home at Tarentum.

....An exciting runaway occurred on Saturday last, on Carson street, by the Thirtieth ward, South Side, by which two wagons were badly wrecked and a street car came near sharing a like fate. A team attached to a heavy country wagon became frightened, started up the street, and collided with a light spring wagon, breaking it to pieces. The frantic animals dashed further on until they came up with a street car on the Birmingham Passenger Railway, when conductor of it, gallantly sprang from the car and seized the runaway horses by the bridle, and turned them to the pavement, where they were secured.

POLICE PARAGRAPHS.

Brief Mention of Criminalities.

ACTING Mayor Butler disposed of fifteen common and two work house cases yesterday.

WILLIAM SMITH (colored), Henry Kline, and William Frank, were sent to the Work House on Saturday by Mayor Callow, for thirty days each.

GEORGE KELLY for abusing his wife and pulling the hirsute appendage out of Lieutenant Hager's face was fined twenty-five dollars and costs by the Mayor yesterday.

DEPUTY MAYOR BASHER, of the South Side, fined Wm. Reed five dollars and costs for disorderly conduct, the charge having been preferred by Alfred Hardenick. John John for a like offense was sent ten days to jail in default of fine.

ROSENTHAL SMITH, before Alderman Bailie, of Allegheny, charged Patrick Bannon and G. F. Stewart with larceny as bailee, he gave them a cow to sell, which they did, but never accounted as to the proceeds of the sale. They pine in jail in default of $300 bail.

DEPUTY MAYOR BUTLER disposed of nineteen comon cases on Saturday morning from the central lock-up, among others, Frank Sanford, for vagrancy. He was ordered to jail, sixty days to the Work House, and Lawrence Riley for disorderly conduct, was similarly dealt with.

S. B. KELLER made information before Alderman J. L. Smith of Allegheny, on Saturday, charging James McElhue with obtaining money from him under false pretense, by representing he had considerable money coming to him from various parties. A warrant was issued.

PATRICK, alias "Dublin" Daley was lodged in the lock-up on Saturday night, having been picked up by the police on Ross street. The prisoner was bleeding freely from wounds on his head, which he said were inflicted by a hand-y-billy by one Thomas Hollow. Daley was dismissed of the charge of drunkenness, and Hollow was sentenced to the Work House for twenty days.

PERSONAL.

***Bishop Simpson will lecture at Liberty Hall on Friday night, January 3rd.

***Rev. Dr. C. A. Holmes, of Allegheny, delivers a lecture on the "Family and the Home" in Blairsville to-night.

***Rev. A. B. Leonard of the Smithfield street M. E. Church received a handsome gold, watch as a Christmas gift from his congregation.

***We are pained to learn of the very serious illness of Mr. Robert Ray, Senr., one of the oldest and most widely known citizens and officials of Allegheny.

***The Rev. Doctor Crumpton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Eleventh ward, who has been so ill as to excite the solicitude of his family and friends, we are happy to learn, is convalescent, and hopes to be able to resume his parish duties within a week or two.

***Mr. James Mellinger, formerly of the South Side, was in the city on Saturday, looking as hale and hearty as of old. He is a resident of the city of brotherly love now, and is about resuming his old business on the corner of Thirty-first and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia, near the passenger depot of the Pennsylvania Central.

***Carrie Martin Evans, an interesting little girl, aged four years and three months old, daughter of Mr. D. L. and Mrs. Emma Evans, of Bellevue, died of diptheria, on Thursday morning last, and was buried on Sunday. She spent Christmas with her grandmother, in this city, and appeared in her usual health, suffering only from what her relatives thought a slight cold. The bereaved parents have the sympathies of their many friends in the sad affliction.

Points of Excellence.

In selecting a Sewing Machine for a New Year's gift, the "Domestic" comes in for a large share of attention. The Domestic is a new machine, and it is said to combine the following leading points of excellence:

1st. Extra size and room under arm. 2d. Simplicity, direct action. 3d, Ease of operation. 4th. Quietness, no cams or gear-wheels. 5th. Cylindrical shuttle, with self-winding thread on large bobbin. 6th. Superior automatic take-up. 7th. Self-adjusting tensions. 8th. Cannot be put out time or adjustment by use. This is a quality possessed by no other machine in the world. 9th. Great range of work. 10th. Durability of working parts.

The inventor of the Domestic has kept one important feature in view, viz: that it should be so constructed as not to limit its usefulness to any specialty of work, but to be adapted to do both light and heavy sewing equally well.

There are machines before the public that will do good work on light fabrics alone, and others that will perform well only on the heavier grades of sewing. The Domestic claims to possess this superiority over all others, of being adapted to sew all grades, from the finest, lightest material to the heaviest cloth or leather, with equal precision and perfection.

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NEWSPAPER RAMBLES.

A Reportorial Sleigh Ride.

For the last week or so the sleighing in this vicinity has been unusually good. The reporters of the press of this city have been looking with eager eyes and expectation to the time which would afford them leisure sufficient to enjoy the smooth and polished surface of well traveled thoroughfares. On Saturday, Messrs. Patterson & Stewart, the well-known livery men of Seventh avenue, extended a courteous and hearty invitation to the gentlemen composing the reportorial staff of this city to join in a grand sociable sleigh ride on Saturday evening at seven o'clock; that a four horse team and elegant sleigh was at their service, and of course the reporters were not slow in accepting this kind offer. So promptly at the time appointed, they hied to the vicinity of the office of the *Dispatch*, on Fifth avenue, where the grand turn-out was to start from. An unusual crowd had congregated in the vicinity, as it was considered quite a novelty to see so many reporters with clean collars and polished boots. The crowd cheered as the turn-out drove up, and the boys threw snow-balls at it as it drove away. The papers represented were the GAZETTE, *Dispatch*, *Commercial*, and *Post*. The drive was out on the Penn avenue road to East Liberty and thence to Point Breeze. By invitation, the party stopped at the residence, on Penn avenue, of Daniel O'Neill, Esq., where a little "*impromptu*" was had. From there the party drove to General Pearson's, where, of course, they were received nicely. After this they were driven back to the 'Point,' where an elegant supper was served up. It comprised all the delicacies the season affords, and was gotten up by Mr. Heidt of the Point Breeze House in his inimitable style, especially for the occasion. The repast being over, the feast of reason, etc., was in order; several toasts were drank, not of course forgetting the kind gentlemen who had been the means of affording the enjoyment. The toasts being over with, the party adjourned to the cozy parlors of the Hotel, where some of the gentlemen developed a joking humor, while others brought into play their vocal powers to an extent that would have put Lucca or Nilsson to blush. After a short game of whist the party ordered their sleighs, and started for home at a seasonable hour with many grateful recollections of the gentlemen who had been so kind in affording them an evening of so much unalloyed pleasure.

LIST OF U. S. PATENTS.

ISSUED TO THE CITIZENS OF PENNSYLVANIA, OHIO AND WEST VIRGINIA, FOR THE WEEK ENDING TUESDAY, DEC. 15, 1872, AND BEARING THAT DATE, REPORTED WEEKLY FOR THE "GAZETTE" FROM THE OFFICE OF MESSRS. HILL & ELLSWORTH, NO. 771 G STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., SOLICITORS OF PATENTS, AND COUNSELLORS IN PATENT CASES, FROM WHOM ALL INFORMATION REGARDING PATENTS CAN BE OBTAINED.

133,719. Valve for applying Rubber Nuts to Bolts—James Minetree, Petersburg, Va., assignor to Edward A. Kilzmiller, Pittsburgh, Pa., and James H. Platt, Jr., Petersburg, Va., Inventors.

133,727. Rivet—John E. Wootten, Reading, Pa.

133,744. Grain-binding Harvester—Harry H. Bridenthall, Jr., Youngstown, Pa.

133,771. Rolling Mill—George Fritz, Johnstown, Pa.

133,772. Reversible Screw-Fan—William H. Coyne, Shamokin, Pa.

133,775. Feed-Roll for Lumber—William P. Hale, Lock Haven, Pa.

133,781. Dry Goods Rack—David Keiser, Reading, Pa.

133,786. Harness Pad—John P. Lovett and Frank P. Lefeyre, Oxford, Pa.

133,796. Apple Parer—William A. C. Oaks, Reading, Pa.

133,812. Nut Fastening—Samuel A. Todd, Wellsville, Ohio, assignor to Edward A. Kilzmiller, Pittsburgh, Pa., and James H. Platt, Jr., Petersburg, Va., Inventors.

133,824. Car Coupling—John E. Bole, Conemaugh, Pa., assignor of one-half his right to John F. Klingensmith, same place.

133,870. Nut and Bolt Fastening—Malcolm F. McIntyre, Girard, Pa., assignor to himself and James Webster, same place.

133,877. Freight Elevator—William F. Morrow, Sewville, Pa., assignor of one-half his right to William A. Middleton, same place.

133,880. Pump Valve—James Norman, Charleston, W. Va.

133,882. Clothes Drier—John P. Packer, Flemington, Pa.

133,909. Fasting Machine for Wall Paper—James M. Welch, Pittsburgh, Ohio.

135,179. Corner Strip—George Corbett, Pittsburgh, Pa. Patent No. 131,806, dated September 24, 1872.

135,183. Hub for Carriage Wheels—John H. Harper, Pittsburgh, Pa. Patent No. 112,452, dated March 7, 1871.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

—Eight deaths from small-pox occurred in Washington, D. C., last Friday.

—Bogalusa has been seriously inundated, many people being drowned and much property destroyed.

—A dispatch from Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, says the epizootic has appeared there, and nearly all the Government animals have got it.

—The volcano of Santara, in the northern part of San Salvador, is erupting, and it is feared that many valuable coffee plantations will be destroyed.

—The number of hogs slaughtered in Cincinnati during the week ending last Friday evening, is 42,000; whole number from November 1 to the same date 379,000.

—Panama papers of the 17th state that there is a revolution in Peru, headed by the Bishop of Pasta, against President Mosquera, growing out of the latter designating General Santa Cotima as his successor. Santa Cotima is in command of the Government troops, and it is reported an engagement has already occurred.

Fatal Fall.

FOTTSVILLE, PA., December 29.—Henry Williams, employed at Thomaston's colliery, while carting coal, slipped and fell on the inclined foot-down a slope. He was instantly killed. His body was terribly mangled.

PROTECT YOUR HEALTH.

Cold and moisture combined have a tri-porting effect upon the bodily organs, and the digestive and secretive processes are apt to become vitally deranged in winter more than in the fall. The urine is true, also of the excretory functions. The bowels are often sluggish, and the pores of the skin throw off but little waste matter at this season. The system, therefore, requires opening up a little, and also purifying and regulating, and the safest, surest, and most palatable tonic and alterative that can be used for these purposes is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Persons who will so treat the rheumatic twinges, the dyspeptic miseries, the painful restlessness of the bowels, the bilious attacks, and the nervous visitations so common at this time of the year, will be well to attend to their systems with this renowned vegetable stomachic and invigorant. It improves the appetite, frengthens the stomach, cheers the spirits, and renovates the whole physique.

DIED.

BLACKMORE—On Thursday morning, December 26, at Somerville, New Jersey, SYLVANUS BLACKMORE, in the 18th year of his age.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of his parents, No. 167 Wylie avenue, THIS AFTERNOON, at half-past one o'clock.

ROBINSON—On Saturday morning, December 28, W. C. ROBINSON, in his 68th year.

The funeral will take place from the Monongahela House, at 10 o'clock A. M. TO-DAY, 1 ocember 30.

BURNS—In Sabbath morning, at 5 o'clock, REV. EDWARD BURNS, D. D., Rector of the Cathedral and late pastor of St. Augustine Church, Cambria St., Pa., aged 57 years.

The funeral will take place on TUESDAY MORNING, at 9 o'clock, from St. Paul's Cathedral. The Bishop will officiate. Friends invited.

DRAVO—On Sunday afternoon, December 29 h, HILDA, infant daughter of J. T. and L. M. Dravo, aged 8 months and 21 days.

Funeral on TUESDAY, the 31st December, at 10½ A. M., from the residence of her parents, 132 Penn street. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

SIM—Suddenly, on Friday, December 27th, at 10 o'clock P. M., WILLIAM H. SIM, in the 35th year of his age.

The funeral will take place from his late residence, No 8 Seneca street, near Solo, on MONDAY, December 30th, at 2 P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

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